have good hope of winning all his operations to the cause of God."

If this be true then let missionaries return home & establish factories in their places. In all the missionary operations I am acquainted with there is more dependence upon the improvements brought from other countries than on the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of men to receive the Gospel. The people get the idea that a missionary is bound to build them up in the things of this world. This has take strong hold upon the minds of the people in Jamaica & when we preach to them a gospel that is opposed to their selfishness, showing them that mere outward things are of no use to them without a new heart & a new spirit they are ready to drive us out of the island as their enemy. They do not understand how we can be their friend unless we seek to please them as other missionaries have done. I too sought to please men, & verily thought I pleased God in so doing; but I can do it no longer

J. L. Hyde

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1835
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J. S. Hoyle
to Penfield
Jan 5/51
Copy.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. A-1836
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Eliot Station Jan. 6th 1851

Revd George Whipple

My dear brother

On an other sheet I have given you some account of the state of things at Brainard. – I wish in this sheet to give some account of the Cholera, together with the state of things among us, at this Station. In my late letter to Bro. Tappan, I stated that the Cholera had almost or quite subsided in Kingston, Port Royal and Spanish Towns. In the three places not less than 1500 have been, in a few weeks, crowded to the bar of God – What an awful work of death. Here the Cholera raged at first – It soon spread into the country places – carrying consternation to all around. – It now is found to have made its ravages into every Parish throughout the Island, being more malignant in some, than in others. And more so in some districts than in others. Some sugar Estates have been almost stripped of its inhabitants. – Those who did not die, fled from the place – If you have ever been among the dead & dying, in a Cholera time, you know what awful scenes – Spite – hell to day – and in their graves to morrow. – I have often heard about it, but now mine eyes see it, and my hands handle its victims. – A man within ½ mile of our house was taken. – An old woman, living near attended on him, the man died at night – the woman went to see him very early in the morning, when she found he was dead. it so affected her, that she was immediately taken with teaching & purging, soon became unable to attend. and when I got there, I found her on the wet ground out in the bush I endeavored to get her to her house, She could not walk – I took her in my arms as I would a child & carried her home, where she died that night – The man who made the coffin and dug the grave for one, did also for the other. In a few days after I was called up at Midnight to visit a man, who lived not more than 10 rods from the same place. He was in the agonies of death, too late to render any assistance – Soon after this man was buried, in the same house a woman was taken, again I was sent for, at the dead of night, but human aid was of no avail – In two hours after I arrived she was gone – I returned home – In the morning a man who the evening previous had called on me for some medicine sent for me to come

and see him. (He lives within a stone throw of the house where the two had just died) I did so. and found him stretched on his mat with cramps in his chest - I gave the best directions and medicines that I could and left him - That day we had a public religious meeting. - during service a man entered with a note from the consul of the place, asking me to come over, as the young man was worse - While reading the note and thinking what to do, another messenger entered saying, he was dead. - — Now see by this brief narration how I have been situated for a few weeks past. — Now will be led to ask if we have no Physician - I say yes, we have in this parish. One, and he stationed at Annotto Bay, 9 Miles distant from us. - I have therefore furnished myself with Medicines. suit as are usually used, and am practically the peoples doctor. I go every where far and near when I am called.

The Cholera is not now raging so severely just about us, though deaths almost daily occur - Within 3 Miles around us not less than 100. have died and more than 1000. in this Parish. -

It rages terrible in other parts of the Island. now. - When it will have our shores none can tell. It is God's Messenger

As yet all the Mission families have been mercifully preserved to God be all the praise. - Mrs Thompson has had one quite severe attack of it. yet soon recovered - I have had no direct symptoms of it, so far as I know -

The other Mission Stations have more or less been visited, but not as severely as at this Station. A good many have died at Devon Pen but few at Hermitage, Providence or Oberlin * and but few at Brownsville - 18 Members of our Congregation have died. Only 2. Members of the Church.

Now will naturally ask - what effect does the judgment have on the people? do they learn Righteousness —

After a few general remarks I will tell you what God by it is doing among us —

The first effect it has is to alarm - to terrify - It next effect is, to harden - especially where the hand of God is not acknowledged and submitted to. I am told that in Kingston it is perfectly amazing to the hardness of heart, it produced after a few weeks. - It is no wonder

* It has been about Oberlin but I not do much among its members

So many died there. not less than 5000. — the writeher condition of many of the people has been most painfully developed. — They literally live from hand to mouth — making no provisions for the future beyond a few days. — They have provided for themselves or families little or no comforts. In sickness it is truly distressing to see their destitute condition. Enough to eat, drink and wear, for the present is the extent of their thoughts. They "take no thought for the morrow, but not scripturally.

Again their social and domestic feeling have been developed. In some, has appeared the nobleness of Man and Woman hood. — In others a brutality that is perfectly overwhelming. — Husbands leaving their wives and families & Wives leaving their husband. — Parents forsaking their Children and Children their Parents, thus leaving each other to perish for want of Care & Sympathy. "Without Natural affection"

Again It has been a time when the true Spirit of the Gospel has been made to appear. The human will do certain things. The hope of gain or the love of fame will lead them to do much; but the true christian has more than a humanity to move him — he has a divinity within him that prompts to "love his neighbor as himself." In some there has been developed the Spirit and action of true benevolence — In others who profess to be under divine influence, nothing appears but the love of Self —

God has, by this most severe judgement made a deep impression on all minds — thousands have been made to fear and tremble, and if we can judge of the mass from what we daily hear from our people the sins of the people are being brought before them. — God has often spoken to the people and in various ways — — He lifted up his hand, and cut in asunder their fetters, — gave them the blessings of freedom — Many were thankful — and promised to serve him forever but they soon forgot him — became worldly & — He then brought pecuniary distress upon them but in this they murmured, and only strove to get ~~them~~ they more. Each now must continue to cheat his neighbor under the cloak of necessity — ~~He~~ Neither the government nor the people recognized the hand of God in all this. It became necessary for him to speak in such a way. ~~the~~ as to arrest attention. which has most effectually been done. — As our people says. "Cholera no wake we? It wake we for certain. "We should not be here in the Chapel had not God send the Cholera among we.

For a good many months past there has been a great deal of feeling among our people long before the cholera reached the Island.

There was a day of humiliation and prayer set apart by the Governor some after it appeared in Kingston. That day was observed by us. It was the commencement of a series of meetings which we still continue to hold. They have been attended with deep and solemn interest. Some of the most careless and hardened persons have manifested a great deal of anxiety and tender feeling and were soon anxiously ~~[illegible]~~ inquiring what they should do to be saved. Up to the present time our meetings have been well attended and a goodly number have been hopefully converted to God. A new song is sung by them ~~[illegible]~~ ~~what was sung last~~ — the house of God, long neglected, is now the place of their delight. Instead of the "~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ midnight revelings", they are in the place of religious instruction "clothed and in their right mind". We are often led to exclaim, what hath God wrought. After making all due allowance for the great excitement, occasioned by the cholera, still we believe that many have been led by the Spirit, through the truth, to the foot of the cross.

There is one family I wish to notice. The father was the only praying one, the rest of the family consisted of a wife & 5 sons and one daughter. He was old and almost blind. He did not on this account usually attend church, but always urged his wife and children to do so. After service he would question them on what they had heard, warning them of the danger of putting off repentance, to some other time. He became so beloved by all the family, for his faithfulness, that the wife & children went away from him, and built a house on the piece of land they intended to buy. There they lived having the old man, alone, by the road side in the old hut. His ~~[illegible]~~ prayers were offered to God for them. They were not quiet, conscience troubled them

They were in this state when the Cholera appeared in our district. Among the first to express a concern for themselves, were found this wife, and two of the Sons. They all referred to the Old Man's faithfulness and prayers for them, and their shameful conduct ~~toward him~~. The wife could scarcely give utterance to her feelings, in view of her conduct toward her husband. ~~Right~~ In the midst of these scenes, one of those Sons, a young man of promise the hope of the family, was seized with the cholera, and before morning was dead. This shook ~~the whole~~ family and neighborhood. The day he was buried we had a Meeting (~~Friday~~) when the family were present. It was a ~~most~~ solemn time. All knew the Gamblers and his sudden departure was a ~~high~~ loud note of warning to all, especially the young. (or heard)

All this time the Husband & father was left alone and from the death of his Son he did not know of it, some time after he was buried. The next day the family sent for the Old Man took him from his lonely hut, brought him to their new and comparatively comfortable house, calling all the family together, they killed for him the fatted pig because they had received him safe and sound. And there was joy in that house. What a change. Now the other Son's wife and another Son and his wife, are among the anxious, or hopefully converted. God is a hearer of prayer as manifested in this family.

We have 3 services on the Sabbath, also public services Wed & Fridays. A meeting 5, the young converts on Thursday which pretty much fills up the week.

I have not been aided by any of my brethren as they have been more or less in the midst of the same scenes and services among their own people. Besides, we could not well leave our people during the cholera. They looked to us for aid and counsel, being themselves profoundly ignorant, and thrown into the utmost confusion

whom themselves or families are signed with it.

They have never seen or heard of any thing of the like before

~~But I must close this short. I do so with the earnest request "Pray for us."~~

~~Write to be remembered to your family in which~~

Mrs T. joins I remain

My dear bro.

Yours affectionately L. Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVE NO. FI-1837 FISK UNIV.

Jan 9th I have just returned here (Oberlin) from Kingston. Your letter I brought back as no steamer would be in for a week, I am very glad I did so. as it now gives me the opportunity of replying to your note of the 13 of Dec. I am much rejoiced to hear about our bell, and our people will be doubly so. I did say that I would pay freight - but afterwards found that the Captain preferred not to receive it here, but in New York I then contradicted what I had said about it. as I supposed, - I intended so to do. at all events.

I send you a letter of W. W. Andersons the object and design of which you will see for yourself I saw Mr Anderson yesterday in Kingston and he requested as a favor I would cut out and send his letter to bro. Tappan, ~~for~~ and to ask him to secure for it a republishing in any paper - I send it to you as accomplishing in spirit Mr Andersons request - It is addressed to the house of Assembly - of which he was once a Member, hence the signature "An ex-Member"

Can we draw at any time, the money contributed for purchase of Flint land? We are about to close in for it - the amount I believe to be about $175.00.

Please bear in mind the watches the first good opportunity I hope you will still be able to come out here after Tappan —

Yours &c L. Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson

Eliot Jam. Jan 6/51.

Report concerning the Cholera
& effect on the moral
condition of the people.

Mr Anderson's communication (handed to E.H.)

Wants two watches sent out.

Wants to draw for the $175 contributed for the purchase of land at E.

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Albany Jany 7. 1857.

Rev. D. Whipple -

Dr. Brother -

Think me not impatient on account of my addressing you again on the Missionary subject. Our Church in this city had a meeting last evening, at which nearly every Member was present & a vote was taken, unanimously, ~~[illegible]~~ instructing the Stewards & Trustees of the church to secure, if possible, my services for the ensuing year - I have engaged to give an answer in a few days - It is necessary for the church to know soon, as the service of ministers are generally secured about this time, throughout the Conference, by disciplinary arrangements - Can you determine the question relating to our arrangements within a week? By so doing you will oblige -

Yours truly

D. M. Wray

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-1838
BOY UNIV.

Rev. P. M. Hay
Albany Jan 27/51

ALBANY N.Y. JAN 27 1851

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1839
FISK UNIV.

Providence Station Jan 8th 1851

Dear Brother Whipple

We have a few shells which we wish to send to Mr Haynes. As we have not his whole name or number. We are under the necessity of directing them to your care (provided we can foreward them by Dr Barrett.)

I take it for granted that you know Mr Haynes. Mrs Whipple went with us to his store, which I think is opposite the Post Office. We have collected only a few shells, but expect Mrs Evarts will, (if she has not already) send a larger & better quantity.

We have now been at this place just one year. We hope our labors have not been in vain. The Spirit of God has manifestly been with us for some months past. Many have professed to be converted, and we think there is evidence of genuine conversion in the case of most of them. Christians seem to be greatly refreshed. The work we trust is still going on. Every thing connected with the Station seems to be more encouraging than it did when we came here.

The Cholera has not fallen on the people just about us, any where near as severely as it has in many other places.

We have great season for gratitude for the goodness of God both to our people and ourselves and we feel greatly encouraged to labor, looking in humble dependance to God to give the fruit of the seed we may be the means of sowing in his name.

Permit me to enclose with this a few lines to Mr Haynes.

I remain aff- & truly Yours

Herman B Hall.

W. B. Hall
Providence Jan 8/51.

Rev George Whipple

Rev. A. D. Olds
Oberlin — Jan
Jan 8/57.
Account of his labors.
Increased number of
Orphans

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Revd Geo Whipple
61 John St
New York

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1846
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Jan 8th 1831.

Rev Geo Whipple

My dear brother

Although much wearied by the labors of the day I must write a few lines to you to send by the next Steamer before I go into meeting this evening. Perhaps it might not be uninteresting to you know some of the labors that often weary these frail bodies of ours. I have not time to commence far back, but just give a day or two as specimens. Yesterday as Bro Hall is not ordained I went to Providence to marry a couple. As soon as this service was over, it was time for the meeting to commence - a goodly number had already come in. After the usual opening exercises talked to the people about ½ hour, was seconded by Bro H. Found many of the people in a very inquiring state. Some we hope have recently given their hearts to Christ. Was more convinced than ever that Bro H. is decidedly a good labourer in this field.

As I had appointment at Brandon Hill for this morning & as that place is nearer P. than here, I stayed over night with Bro H. Soon after breakfast I left for my preaching station which is high on the mountain on the other side of the Wag-Water, four miles from Providence. The mountain pass was so steep & so much gulled by the recent rains that I had to lead my horse for a long distance up the mountain. When I arrived at our little chapel found the congregation mostly present. They

hearers kept coming until the house was well filled. I preached to a very attentive & solemn congregation from Mat 4:10 Tried to enforce the nature & obligation of the service of God. When the sermon was closed about 20 arose to express their determination, immediately to enter upon that service. Many were in tears as I tried to present the claims of God. Pray for us that multitudes may forsake the corruptions of sin & cleave unto Christ.

Immediately after services were closed, I mounted my horse & started for home; And as usual dismounted to walk down the steepest part of the mountain which is about half a mile. After crossing the river I again dismount to walk up the mountain about the same distance. After reaching home I usually feel much more like throwing myself into a posture for taking rest than little writing or any thing else that requires effort of body or mind. But as I have intimated above we also have preaching on the same day in the evening that I go there, We are now having preaching here on the evenings in the week besides the Sab.

The interest that I spoke of in my last, still continues among the people here. Our meetings are solemn & full of interest. There are a goodly number of hopeful conversions & many others in a deeply enquiring state. May these be but the beginning of good days.

I will say nothing bout affairs at Brainard as Bro Thompson has given a better statement respecting the recent uniting there than I can give

I can only spend time now to speak of one thing more; & that is respecting a small appropriation, say about $40, or for a roof to an addition that we wish to make to our buildings. We have long felt that we needed some additions

to our house for sleeping apartments. But now we have an especial reason. It is this, the Cholera has made a great multitude of orphans, the mass of which must have some provisions made for them, or their condition will be most hopeless. And we are farther convinced that to be extensively useful to the rising generation we need to take them from under the corrupting influence of parents and friends. It is probable that something may be done by government to defray some part of the expenses of these children. We have now six in our family one or both of whose parents are dead; & most of them are paying their way a part in money & a part in labor out of school.

Mrs Olds feels much interested in this department of labor; and I must say my sympathies are fully with her. We think that an important door of usefulness is open before us in this department. And we think that by close economy we can bear the expense of the additional room if the roof is furnished us. Geo Wolcott will write you officially respecting this matter, but I wished to advocate my cause a little! Pardon this liberty taken.

Mrs Olds & Miss Dean join in desiring to be kindly remembered to yourself & family, as also to Brethren Tappan & Hearne.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

In haste
Yours
A. D. Olds

P.S. Geo Thompson will send you an article from W. W. Anderson Esq relative to the sending of fugitive slaves here which I think is well worth your consideration. I will write more when I have more leisure.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1841
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Ja. 12th January 1857

Wm Adams Esq

Dear Sir

We have taken the liberty to draw on you for $60.00 @ 30 % in favor of John Eadie Esq we have been obliged to do so in consequence of ~~not~~ being a little too late for a bill of Mr Ripley's for $150 as he had ceased drawing a few minutes before we saw him — and this day being Sunday we cannot procure another for love or money or elsewhere — We will however positively remit to you without fail a draft of Mr Ripley's by the next steamer for $150 or $200 — @ 10 days sight which will be paid before this one falls due —

We beg to trouble you with the enclosed letter for Miss Stewart & Co and find we would feel obliged by yr. finding out her address & forwarding the letter to them

We are dear Sir
Yrs truly
A Barrett & Co

There is a parcel of letters on board for you

Turn over

The money is for a McPalding ~~in~~ ~~who~~ a young man of this place who we fear has been leading an intemperate life - the Eadie takes an interest in him - we would be glad if you could ascertain the standing of both them & how S. Mosher is very anxious to know - We shall be sure to have money in your hands before the other draft is due

Yours &c

C. B. Barnett Esq
Alling & Cor
Jan. 1/12/57
advice of Draft &c.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1842
FISK UNIV.

Brainard St. Jany 14th 1851

Bro Whipple

I send you a few shells in a box to Mr Haynes. I put up some things to send you a long time ago but something prevented my sending them. The papers in one of the pill boxes you should open very careful as the shells in them are very small. I could send you a larger quantity of some kinds if they would be of much use to you in exchanging.

I am sorry to learn that you are not to come to Jamaica. I had hoped that the Ex Com would have waited until they had some better evidence than public report, or the statements of private individuals. I had hoped that you would come & hear & see for yourself. Perhaps you think it too small a matter to take so much trouble, but to me it seems far otherwise. I believe the interests of multitudes in Jam. depends on the [illegible] of the present difficulty in this mission. My mind has often been very much tried by the course of different members of the mission, but on looking over what is passed, I find I have needed it all. I find that all the true knowledge of Christ I have got has been by painful experience. I now find that Christ increases to me as fast as I decrease. The trials I have passed through since I ca

I send two letters from Rev Cornelius to Mr Fen to O. S. Porter & Mr Ely. After you have read them will you send them to Rev Mr Pease & Letters to Prof. Porter can read if you wish. L. S. P.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
HOX UNIV.

to this island have brought me to make a practical use of many of the promises in the bible that I knew little of before. The bible has been a sealed book to me until trial & experience began to open its true meaning. I had great carefulness & anxiety of mind about the things of this world when I came here, but God in his mercy has taken all these things away & gives me peace in the place of it. Once I tried to get peace but could not find it. But now I have it without trying. I find that faith brings what works never can.

The people here (or two thirds of them) have to dismiss Bro Evarts from Brainard. I think we shall build us a thatched house somewhere in this neighborhood & preach the gospel in this & other parts of the island as God seems to open the way. I think we all feel much more satisfaction in working with our own hands & providing such things as we need than we did in our connection with the Society. The control generally exercised by societies over their [illegible] is a great hindrance to their dependence. I could never think of any such connection again & I believe it would be better for all missionaries to have no master but God, & trust him only for support. If I ever see you I may have many things to say to you that my mind does not incline me to write at present. I wish you would give me a summary of the charges that have come before the C. Com against me from different sources & from whom they come.

Yours Truly J. S. Hyde

We are all in good health & prospered

Rev. J. S. Hoyle
Macoupin Station
Jan 14. 1857

Rec'd Feb 8. 1857
With 2 letters from Rev. J. C. Pearcale

Br Hoyle regrets that the Ex. Com. did not wait to hear both sides before this action. He expresses regret that Br W. did not report Jan. 4 says that the spiritual interests of society in that place depends on the results of present agitations there.

He has been greatly tried but he has yielded it all.

All the true knowledge which he has of Christ has been obtained thro painful experience.

He thinks he now has a clear understanding of some of the promises of the Bible — that it was, before his trials, a sealed book to him.

Has peace thro faith in Christ.

The people at B have voted to dismiss Mr Parrott.

Br Hoyle will remain at B, "rather a thatched house & preach as God shall open the way."

Br Hoyle satisfied with his present method of obtaining a support, that he would be by holding a connection with any missionary society.

Wished a statement of the charges made against him

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1843
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Wm. Harned

Pd Feb 10. 1857

n/a Feb 10. 1857 S. M. N. P. 5t

Exchange for

$220.00

Kingston Jamaica

15th January 1857

Thirty days after sight of this FIRST of Exchange (Second & Third unpaid) pay to the Order of

Mr. B. L. Rocourt

Two hundred and twenty dollars

Value received and charge the same to account

To Wm. Harned Esq

No 62 John Street

New York

No.

A Barrett & Co

Francis & Loutrel 77 Maiden Lane N.Y.

Pay to the order of Mess.rs Rocourt & Margron.

A. Rocourt

Pay to the order of Mess.rs A. & Wm. Delafield.

Rocourt & Margron

A. & Wm Delafield

United States of America, }
State of New-York, } ss. On the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one I, STEPHEN MERRIHEW, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn, dwelling in the City of New-York, at the request of the CITY BANK, did present the annexed original Bill of Exchange for $220 dated 15 January 1851 to Wm Harned the Drawee

and demanded ~~payment~~ acceptance which was refused.

Whereupon, I, the said Notary Public, did Protest, and by these presents do publicly and solemnly Protest, as well against the Drawer & Endorsers of the said Bill as against all others whom it doth or may concern, for exchange, re-exchange, and all costs, damages and interest already incurred, and to be hereafter incurred for want of ~~payment~~ acceptance of the same.

United States of America, }
State of New-York, } ss. And I do further **CERTIFY,** that on the day of 18 (and after the presentment as aforesaid,) due notice of the Protest of the said

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1843
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In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my Notarial Seal.

S Merrihew
Notary Public.

A. Barrett's
Draft of 1/15/.1
for $220.
Protested & afterwards
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Rev. A. M. Richardson.
Abstract of letters from
& concerning him.
read in Com. Jan 22/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Abstract of Letters from Mr Richardson

Letter 1st, dated June 5th 1848. – He says,

After looking over the different fields of labor, taking into consideration the situation of my family, the climate, prospect for usefulness &c, my mind seems to settle upon the W. India mission as a field, where with the blessing of God I might be able to do most good. I have consulted with some of my friends, who agree with me in this opinion. Mr Dickenson will furnish $50 pr. ann. towards my support, & thinks he can get aid from other churches.

You may think it strange, that a minister pleasantly situated as I am, should entertain the idea of leaving his people to go to the heathen, but my views have been materially changed by reading the appeal from the Sandwich Islands, & from early childhood I have cherished the wish to be a missionary, but my health has not been equal to it till lately.

2d Letter, dated July 1, 1848. Rev Mr Dickenson wishes him to say that he had no doubt that one half & perhaps two thirds of his support would be furnished by churches & individuals in this vicinity. He has had experience of several years in teaching academies & select schools, & would be willing to take charge of the seminary there in connexion with preaching. His mind greatly burdened with the condition of the heathen. His present field, tho pleasant & interesting seems insignificant compared with a field of labor among the heathen.

3d Letter. Sept. 12/48 Understanding that there was no call then for an ordained missionary to the W.I. says he is willing to go any where, or wait any time, or give it up, if there are enough without him, & labor diligently ~~without~~ at home.

4th Letter. Feb. 4/50 Expressing an interest in the association - send some new names. Sympathizes strongly with the African mission.

4 Letter. Nov. 12/50 Responds to the call for some one to fill the place of Mr Everts. Has been five yrs in the ministry - four with his present charge. Loves them - & they love him, but long ago decided in favor of a missionary field. His age is 28 - has a wife & two children - youngest a year old. Refers us to bro. Arnold, & other brethren in the ministry

5th Letter Dec 4/50 Encloses testimonials from ministers in ~~that vicinity~~, in which he is spoken of as being a member in good standing of the Grand River Asso., & expressing a deep interest in him. Speak of 20 conversions under his preachg during the past year, & say his place could not readily be filled; they speak of his zeal, skill, wisdom, & good leadership, the attachment of his people, & of his brethren. They think almost the only deficiency is want of ~~health~~ respect

6th Letter. Dec 24/50 Encloses further testimonials - strongly written. They speak of him as truly pious, sound in theology, popular as a ~~preacher~~ & pastor - as having tact, skill, prudence boldness, & zeal. The Grand River Asso. guarantee his support.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1845
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Jan. 28/51

Rev. G. Whipple.
Sect. of the A. M. A.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of the 2d inst. reached Kingston about the same time with myself this morning — I thank you for your "Happy New Year" — May the present be a year of bountiful manifestations of the goodness of our Heavenly Father to you & yours. We can all truly say, (I think) that His mercies are great towards us, in the preservation of our lives & health, and very generally that of our people in the midst of terrible disease & death, and somewhat also in manifestations of His converting grace. Of myself & family especially I can say, let our souls prosper as our bodies and we can hardly want any good thing on earth — I never felt more full of energy than at present, and Mrs. W. is becoming more & more established in general good health — by the way it may be in place to say that we have recently (Dec. 10th) been blessed with the gift of another fine, healthy son, our second one — both mother & child appear remarkably well — neither demands a particle of medicine. "Cold Water" does the thing — N. B. We thank you for the Water Cure Journal — But if you can take them on the club terms (20 copies for $10.) we would prefer

to join you for six copies, chrgd to our a/c instead of the one copy as sent at present. If you cannot do this - please send one copy to my a/c, and that sent the Mission I will endeavor to see properly distributed.

I duly recd yours announcing the recpt of a letter from Mrs. Alds - new Missionaries for Jamaica &c. As my communication was forwarded but a few days later than Mr. A's I thought it best to wait a reply to that before answering yours - I could then be better prepared. I was sorry to find in yours recd this morning, the absence of the much desired & greatly needed reply. I now anxiously wait for it by the Empire City which is expected hourly. In respect to the interesting subject of which you now speak, I can at present say that Mr. Arbouin informs me that Mr. Hannaford has fallen a victim to the cholera - that he was a particular friend of his - an influential & highly esteemed magistrate & attorney - that he is of the opinion that his neighbor planter is a Mr. Rose - a relative of Mr H.'s & now Mr. H's executor, who is also an influential, honorable and wealthy magistrate & attorney. Mr. Arbouin expects to see Mr. Rose in a few days & kindly proposes to be the channel of introduction & communication between us. He thinks it would not be expedient to attempt much until it is decided into whose hands the estate of Mr. H. falls - whether favorable

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or unfavorable — If it is found worth while some one of us will visit the place personly, investigate & report at the earliest practicable opportunity — *

In respect to Brainerd I am authorized by a com. of the church to say that they sincerely desire another minister from America — they are prepared to receive him — They hope he may be one not to be led away by the errors that occasion their present troubles —

Allow me to say that present appearances indicate that not a little trial awaits whoever may go as a minister to Brainerd, and that it is of great importance he be a man able to take his own reckonings, & to determine his lattitude & longitude, even in a cloudy day — A large majority of the church together with the trustees have voted the dismissal of Mr. Ewarts, & limited his occupancy of the premises to 1st March. Mr. Ewarts & Dr. Hoyde seem determined to remain in the vicinity & carry with them a party. I understand they are negotiating for a piece of land & buildings near by B— as a residence. You need not be surprised to hear soon of attempts (vain ones I think) to disturb the present peaceful relations of the ministers & people of the Mission generally, as well as elsewhere. Dr. H. is understood to say that the people have been denied the gospel long enough, & he is determined they shall now have it — It shall be seen that there is a prophet in Israel.

* Jan. 29 — Have today visited Spanish Town — seen Esq. Anderson — & by his advice written Mrs. Hammond. She promises to write her also

We have conversed together in regard to the sort of man fitted for Brainard, & we are of the opinion that different as they may appear to be in some respects either H. E Fairchild or Willard Burr is a fit example of the right character

see 2d sheet

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Thursday evening Dec. 30th 9 o clock

The Empire City arrived this evening & brought letters & papers. I have read yours to me of the 3d inst. - Have been detained from replying till it is now too late to do so but briefly, by necessary attention to a young man, a Mr. Davis from New York - printer in office of Evening Post - during the last moments of his earthly existence. Br. Thompson is with me & we have just laid out the body silent in death.

I may here just say also that a Rev. Mr. Temple a passenger on the E. C. has been in attendance who proposes to be the bearer of our letters & to call on you.

I am again disappointed, indeed I am rather tried; but I have strong nerve if nothing more. I shall not be cast down. My communications in relation to financial matters were of such a nature especially of such an interest to you, that I did not think it possible there could be a failure of immediate attention & reply. I do not suppose me to find fault - to blame any one. But I feel in rather an awkward & difficult position. The expended brethren have been paid nothing since 1st Sept. I am responsible for withholding salary from Dr. Hoyde until I received directions from the Committee. It is unpleasant for me to sustain such responsibility so long. Mr. Evarts consented to waive his claim to share in drafts

made since 1st Sept. till the arrival of bro. Whipple which was expected in Oct. or arrangements made for the future drawing of funds. Our B. will probably exercise some forbearance toward me when I give him the reason for so long neglecting his claims; but as yet I have not done it. Bro. Wenning has had no labor in the mission since our last mission meeting, of which you have account. Yet by the law of English custom in Sam. he can demand his salary not only up to the time when he is officially notified to leave the service, but also one quarter at least afterward.* One at least I have paid nothing since 1st Sept who is now in the mission. Others have received not or all of first quarter.

All are complaining of embarrassment, I have done the best I could to relieve them, and am myself embarrassed by debt, on their account. But I dont mind that, and would if I could — will if I can, sell my beasts to meet their wants, tho I dont know that I am under any moral obligation to do so. But as treas. the brethren have a right to look to me for the transaction of business, and while I must act according to the best of my judgment they have a right to judge whether I act wisely and to censure if they think I am blameworthy. They can do so in the present case, tho expected without fail particular directions about funds — I have been advised, urged to make a drft at once without

* I presume, bro. B. will not be displeased to insist on formalities

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directions, on the ground that in the circumstances I would be justified — This I cannot do. In my judgment I would not be justified. My brethren may think differently, & censure me for being the occasion of their embarrassment; nor can I blame them for their opinions. To obviate all difficulties therefore, if I had the means I would cheerfully advance them to meet their salaries. —

Now do not, my dear bro. suppose me to design dark hints, insinuations & implications of wrong in any one. While I only wish in what I have said to express my disappointment & the circumstances which occasion it, & give it importance.

In respect to your letter farther I can now only say you may not have "blamed me wrongfully" but you seem to have apprehended me untruthfully. The resolution of the mission embodied perfectly the honest sentiment of my heart, — harmony, confidence. If a single word written by me is in appearance against this, it is in appearance only, not in fact. Especially in respect to the "hints" & "insinuations" criminating bro. Olds, and "implications" of "gross error" &c in the Epistles your conceptions of my intentions or thoughts are farthest possible from truth. But I must be content to forbear for the present. Do however please see if you cannot put another construction upon what I only insinuate. What I only insinuate, if it is serious, I never intend. Be assured of that & it may save us something. I can never pursue a course so so dastardly. —

In much affection & esteem yours
Seth. G. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Kingston Jam.
Jan 28/51

Rep. Feb 8/51 —
Mr & Mrs. W. are in good health
Have just rec'd a second son.
I want to know your journals
He had not rec'd the vote of
the Com.

Mr. Hamaford is dead, but
Mr. W. has written to Mrs Hamaford
concerning a new station. Br
Anderson will also write to her.

The meeting at Mainerd
limited Mr. E. L. stay at Mainerd
in the mission premises to the
1st of March.

They are much embarrassed
by not receiving information
of the vote of Com. & for want
of funds. ※

He thinks he is not understood
by me.

※ The recommendation of the
mission was laid before the Ex. Com.
at the first meeting after they were
received. & Money was sent soon
after.

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Kingston Jamaica 30th January 1851

Tom Starnes Esq —
Dear Sir

We are sorry to be so troublesome to you with our matters but as the Empire City leaving in so great a hurry prevents us from getting a remittance for you we must beg of you as a favor to pay the $100 to Mr Eadie (Wale) should it become due before we can remit you — the circumstances of the case being so very peculiar —
The Crescent City will be here in 2 days from this when we shall most positively remit you either a draft or Gold — We have also taken the liberty to draw on you at 30 ds in favor of Mrs Rocourt for which funds will be provided before it falls due —

We are dear Sir

Yrs very truly

A Barnett & Co

a. Barrett

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Kingston Jan. 30th 1851

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Revd George Whipple

My dear Brother

Your letter of Jan 8th has to day arrived. — I have not time now to reply to it, though in some respects I feel inclined so to do. — I conclude you had not received my last letters when you wrote. — I then gave an account of the late mutiny at Beaufort. — It respected Rev. Evarts dismissal — I wish to say further respecting the movements of things at Beaufort or rather ~~the~~ Expatriates Mr and Dr Hyde. For a long time Mr Evarts could not preach, but now his mouth is opening and he has taken charge of those who follow him. — They are about buying land on which they expect to build — and to make their homes.

They have already put up a thatched building or something of the kind to preach in. — Dr Hyde goes ~~to~~ around to the ~~other~~ congregations about and seeks his opportunity to "preach the Gospel" as he says — He has been at Eliot two Sabbaths — What he has said to the people publicly has been all well enough, but what he said to me in private was more the product of a crazy mind than of a sane one — He said "he had made more than one fuss and could make another. The people there (Eliot) had been long enough without the Gospel and now he had come in the name of God to give it to them" I at first asked him if he had been to dinner, intending

Prof. George Shepherd

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if he had not to ask him ~~up~~ to come & do so — He had been to dinner & then asked him to take bed with me — (He has not been inside my house for many months) He replied, No. I ~~would~~ would not sleep with a man who will reject a Prophet of the Lord,, He said You will see that ~~I~~ there is a Prophet in Israel and that I am that Prophet,, What he meant by prophet you can judge as well as I. He does profess to read the Spirits of men's hearts, Charity however would lead us to suppose he simply meant to preach — referring to my refusal to receive ~~a~~ him as an ordained Minister —

What he will do no one can tell. Not even he himself — I treat him as one partially deranged allowed him to say what he had to say quietly

Mr Roberts and Dr Hyde do not intend leaving the Island — Bro. Crolcott has I suppose communicated to you the wish of the Emanuel Church at Bramin that a Missionary be sent out. Then I would suggest on my own ~~responsibility~~ of course that some such man as Henry E Fairchild or Willard Burr and be the man you have mentioned, as willing to come out I do not know but they are just the men — The Lord guide —

The vessel containing the buggy and Bell touched at Port Royal and then went to Old Harbour, to return in 8 or 10 days — Kind regards to all —

Permit

Yours affectionately

J Thompson

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P.S. I preached at Bramin last Sabbath — some 200. or 300 and by them we go there once in two weeks —

Rev. E. Thompson

Kingston Jan.

Jan 31/51

Rec'd Feb. 8/51

My letter of Jan 8th was received. Evans & Hyde will not have the Island. E has recommenced preaching, & the two go around in the Island to preach as they can find opportunity.

They have built a thatched cottage at Brainerd.

Dr H. seems to claim to be a prophet & to reveal the secrets of the hearts

says he has made more than one pulp & can make another.

The brethren go by turns to Brainerd at Brainerd.

Names Fr. Burr & H. E. Fairchild as suitable men for Brainerd —

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Rev. George Whipple — Oberlin Station

My dear brother — Feb. 2d 1851

To day I exchange with no Olds, but owing to the heavy rain that has continued to fall since Midnight no congregation has assembled.

In the rest from the usual services of the Sabbath I spend a portion of the time in communicating to you some things that for some time, have been working in my mind. One point to which I wish to refer is, the change which is going on in my mind relative to the question, "Who are proper subjects of Christian baptism". I have always held doctrines respecting this matter, in common with Presbyterians and Congregationalists. When the question was up in our class at Oberlin my mind was not settled on the subject. After I came here, I was brought to such situations, that led me to have the question mooted again in my mind. I communicated the difficulty to my brethren. They, at the next meeting of the Association, gave me, as a subject for an essay, the question above referred to. —

I prepared the essay which was read at the next meeting. My plan was to present the arguments for, and against, infant baptism, in as fair and true a light as possible. I endeavored to hold my mind open to conviction. The argument both from scripture and history seemed to preponderate in favor of infant baptism —

Here my mind rested for some time, when ~~my mind~~ it was again turned to it. Not by baptist friends talking to me but by seeing the abuse that is made of it, and being asked to baptize children of unbelievers. In this country if a child is not baptized or sathen christened, he is a heathen and when he dies, is to be buried not in a christian manner, but like the heathens. This leads all ignorant classes to seek to have their children baptized, or christened. In investigating this subject my own mind was much thrown into doubt as to the validity of infant baptism. I fled to the New Testament. Here I found that when our baptism was spoken of as a religious rite, it was in connection with believing

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The command was "believe and be baptized." The doctrine of infant baptism appeared to my mind, so far as the New Testament was concerned, an inferential doctrine. We must go to the Old Testament, and not the New, to establish the practice. The only thing in the Old Testament to which infant Baptism can apply is the rite of circumcision. Does baptism then under the New dispensation answer to circumcision under the Old? if so, the natural inference is, inasmuch as children were included as proper subjects of circumcision, so they are of Baptism —

My mind turns to the question of fact. Does Baptism take the place of circumcision. I do not understand the Bible any where to say so directly. But perhaps I have said all I need say now. My only design is to inform you of the workings of my mind on the subject. I have not talked to our people about it, as I first wish my own mind fully settled. I do not know what a change of views on this subject would at all effect my relations to the Society. If you see wherein it would, I should be glad that at an early date you would inform me. I am not yet settled as to the duty of a change in my practice or sentiments. Any suggestions that would tend to lead me to apprehend the truth, will be thankfully heard. I desire the truth, and that I may know it. I earnestly inquire

Most of our church already discard infant baptism. This is owing doubtless to their former connection with a Baptist church. I do not know that any of my brethren or sisters agree with me in now calling the doctrine in question. I talk freely with them about it. Their arguments are the same as I have always seen, and now are not conclusive to my mind.

I have thus communicated to you some of my thoughts and inquiries on this subject, as they may be due to you.

With all due respect

I remain

Your affectionately L. Thompson

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Another thing has been much in my mind of late,

It is communicating, through the Missionary to the children of the different Sabbath Schools a series of letters, embracing the situation - discovery - introduction of slavery - early habits - manners ~~and~~, customs ~~of~~ of the people, together with the principle coasts, - places & natural curiosities. - Also giving an account of the Shape, Size & divisions of land - Government how administered, - Religion - Chief products, fruits vegetable &c &c In short my design will be to give such information respecting the Island & its inhabitants as shall make the youthful readers of the Missionary better acquainted with us. And thereby interest their hearts more in the present labor to elevate and save this long oppressed, but now emancipated people.

If I had not already become obligated to write to several Sabbath Schools, and finding my the labor some what severe I should not have thought of asking the columns of the Missionary for such a purpose, - The articles will be short, and as systematically arranged as I can make them. and ~~[illegible]~~ subject to your revision. - I have now given you a plan that has been in my mind - I wish before commencing in its execution to hear from you, as to the wisdom of the course,

By the last steamer, Empire City, I wrote you briefly as to matters at Beaufort I wish again to express the deep conviction on my mind of the importance of your ~~coming~~ visiting us. The dismissal of the brethren does, not to my mind do away with the necessity of your coming among us You will never be able to get a correct understanding of our true position till you see just how we are situated. A visit of but a few weeks would give you such knowledge as to make our future correspondence, more easy to be understood, as you will have before your mind the particular circumstances as connected with each of us - In this request I am sure I speak the mind of all the Brethren & sisters of the Mission. though not officially -

Yours &c &c S Thompson

Again

I am requested by Miss Dean ~~to~~ in addition to what she may say for herself, to communicate the fact that her health will not allow her to continue much longer in the discharge of her duties as teacher. It is my opinion from what I know of her difficulties that she ought not to go on with the School, one other day unless she wishes to jeopardize her health. - This I told her some time ago. She closed her School for ~~one~~ two month last year hoping that a little rest would restore her lung - but a few weeks practice again, brought on the same trembling peculiar sensation in the region of the heart & lungs -

She desires to be dismissed from the services of the Society, and return to her friends in the west. She has labored hard and faithfully as a teacher; attending strictly to her business, - doing an amount of teaching each day, enough to exhaust any one. She needs rest, & cannot have it to live long.

If the Mission were to gather I am satisfied they would all express the same opinion respecting her. As the Crescent City is expected in soon before a Meeting can be called she desires as soon as possible to communicate her ~~de~~ wishes to the Society and learn their action. - She would be glad to leave about the first of April. Bro. Olds will give an account of the prospects of the School &c.

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Dear Br Whipple

I would say that I fully concur in what Br T. has expressed above respecting Miss Dean. She is ~~very~~ out, and that too by hard service. She has not been a "lady" missionary, too good for the drudgery of doing service for the poor & degraded. Her soul has been in her work, & that work has been whatever in her opinion the best good of those around her required.

Yours &c A. D. Olds

I have just returned from Eliot where I have been to
find the Lab. And he has read to me what he has written respecting
your coming to Jamaica. My fears are very strong
that matters at Brainerd will not be easily adjusted. The present appear-
ances indicate that Messrs. Ebarts & Heyde are determined to remain
at least in the neighborhood & do what they can to draw from the
Ch & congregations. I think your presence would do much to affain
them a proper tone. And besides you need to have a knowledge
of facts respecting the Mission here that you can never obtain
except by personal observation. May we not hope to see you
among us soon? I cannot write more at present.

Yours with Christian love

A. D. Allen

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Dear Brother Whipple

I received your kind letter last week & it shall be my pleasure at some time to give you my true position. I have opened my school again but shall not be able to continue it but a few weeks. Talking occasion a trembling & sinking sensation about the heart & lungs which unfits me even to engage in common conversation. I cannot teach & there is nothing else in Jamaica that I can do. I therefore propose to go home as soon as the season will allow

Miss M. Dean
from Mr. Brelloo.
Ex. Com.
She will be compelled
to return home.
See Letter from Brelloo

Rev'd. G Whipple
N Y

Will the Society be willing
to pay my expense to N Y
or even to Ohio where my
friends now are

I regret to leave my
field of labor for it is one
I love But I have done all
I can do here & must go &
do what God in his providence
places before me elsewhere for
I must labor for him while I
live. I hope soon to see you
& to speak of the things pertaining
to Christ & his kingdom
Till then adieu Your friend

Mary Dean

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Rev. M. M. Richards
Jany. 6.
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Lenox - Feby 5th 1851

Dear Brother Whipple -

Sister Davis' note communicating the decision of the Ex- Com, & requesting us to prepare, as soon as possible, for our departure for our destined field of labor, was rec'd last week - I need scarcely say, that we experienced some trembling of heart, in view of the solemn responsibilities, laid upon us, by that decision - We had tried to anticipate them, but we did not feel them, as we now do - And even now, present, we can have but a very imperfect realization of what is before us - But we know who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee" - & again, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Here the soul finds anchorage, & hope lights up the scenes of our future toil. I trust, we have had too much experience of the faithfulness of our God, to distrust Him. If this presence go with us, all will be well - Distrustful of ourselves, but relying on the assistance of this promised grace, we cheerfully & thankfully accept, therefore, of the appointment you have tendered us; & pledge our lives, our prayers & best endeavors, to the advancement of the cause of Christ in Jamaica -

I think we can each of us, say truly—
"I only pray— Lord fit me for the work;
Lord make me holy, & my spirit nerve
For the stern hour of strife— Let me but know
There is an arm unseen, that holds me up,
An eye that kindly watches all my path
Till I my weary pilgrimage have done;
——— ——— And I joy
To tread the dark & death-fraught wilderness."

Many of our people, are greatly distressed, at the prospect of our leaving them; altho' we are frank to confess, that they believe we go in obedience to a higher call of duty— Still, it is no light thing, for a minister to separate from the people of his charge, to meet them again only at the Judgment— There is a prospect, however, that the people here, will soon be able to obtain some one to supply my place— This will enable me to leave them the more cheerfully—

We expect to leave here for Mass, about the 10th of March— If the navigation of the Lake should be obstructed at that time, we shall leave our goods, to be forwarded to New York by the 1st of April— We will hold ourselves in readiness to sail, at any time, after that date— Please write us, as soon as convenient, & let us know, at what time in the month, the

steamer will probably sail. I suppose they have regular days for sailing. We would also be glad to receive any suggestions respecting the articles needed for our outfit. We have some idea, I suppose, of the general char. of the articles needed. Yet we find ourselves in doubt, about many things. Any suggestions from yourself, or from Sister Davis to Mrs R. will be thankfully rec'd. Shall we need to carry out a stove, or cook the mission premises furnishing with facilities for cooking &c? Will cotton cloth, or any other material, not made up, be subject to duty? Shall I need any mechanic's tools? if so what kind? What would you advise respecting procuring a case of family medicines? homeopathic of course. I suppose you will hardly expect me to make any collections for the funds of the Soc, save those, which I may receive from personal friends. I shall have very little time, to do anything in this way. I suppose I shall receive considerable aid from my friends, in procuring my outfit. You have not informed us, whether the Soc, thot it advisable, that we should be supported by specific pledges from individuals or not. I infer, however, from your silence, that you regard the measure as somewhat objectionable.

Do your Missionaries there, receive a stated salary, or is the amt of aid, regulated by circumstances? Do the Soc-make any provision for supplying them with newspapers & periodicals. If so, what? Excuse so many queries. They seem necessary, in order that we may know how to act & what to do-

I hope to hear from you, in the course of two weeks- Shall not probably write again, before we come to New York-

Should you wish to write us, after we go East, please direct to, Franklin-Mass-

Have you decided to send out any one with us?

Requesting a daily rembrance of myself & family in your prayers, I subscribe myself

Your Bro- in the Gospel
N. W. Rickardson

Rev. Geo Whipple-
Sec- of the A. Me. Ass-

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Lexington Feby 11th 1861

Wm Harned Esqr

Dear Sir

I enclose to you a Draft for $300.— which I wish you to get cashed at my expense and use the proceeds for meeting two drafts I have drawn on you, one for sixty Dollars, and the other for One Hundred and Twenty Dollars. By attending to the above you will greatly oblige

Yours often obliged friend

A Barrett.

P. S. There is a small package on board the Crescent City for you.

a. Barnett

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Hermitage Feb 13th 1851

Rev. G. Whipple.

Dear brother

We are yet waiting for something official from you, but meantime I will commence a letter to you, intending not to send it till I hear further from you, hoping that will be soon. I returned last evening, with Bro. W., from a tour of six days, through the Mission — have been at all the stations & seen all the brethren. — All well except Miss Dean. She is troubled with a difficulty of the chest which seems likely to make it necessary for her to relinquish her school and return home. As she has written you about it I need not be particular. I spent the sabbath at Brainerd & preached to the church and congregation proper; while Bro. Evarts held meeting with such as take sides with him. Dr. Hoyt went to Eliot, he evidently expects a division in Bro. Thompsons church. I had some 250 hearers, about 30 were with Bro. E. in a booth about one mile from chapel. We had an interesting visit at B., but mingled with pleasure & pain — pleasure, in familiar intercourse — pain, in the manifest perversion of truth.

Those dear brethren are deeply in earnest, but, in my view, none the less in error. You remember Bro. Pitch in the 2d Advent discussion at Cherlin — As was his, so is their devotion to what seems to them truth of the most thrilling interest. But I was much astonished at the strange & contradictory applications of scripture made to sustain their views. —

I found it useless for me to attempt any argument with them, even strictly scriptural. They have one very convenient reply to all argument, viz. "Well, that is human reasoning." I conversed with them just enough to find that talk was useless; they were "wise men that could render a reason", and for the most part I listened quietly to what they had to say without attempting a reply. I must say I was not prepared to find matters quite so apparently hopeless. Dr. H. seems to be the Elijah among them, Mrs Evarts next - then Mr. Evarts - rather in the dark, but pulling on to know the way - Mrs. H. comes last & seems as if trying to repeat after a monitor what she has not yet learned. Dr. H. says, "faith & reason are direct opposites to an unregenerate heart" - which he explains to mean, that an unregenerate man demands a reason or evidence for his belief; while saving faith is belief not only without reason or evidence but contrary to it. That you may see that I do not misunderstand them, for all agree to the same, one of them illustrated it thus - "I feel impressed on my mind inclined to leave this parish & go to another; I dont know why - I have no reason, I seem to all my friends & to every body, even to myself to be a fool for going; yet I go, trusting to God - that he has a reason - that is faith & "any other sort of faith is such as the devils have." -

But perhaps I had better refrain from speaking of these things, tho I feel tempted to say much more - You will readily see for yourself what I might say. We left the brethren in tears - Dr. H. entirely prostrated, so as to keep his bed & refuse food - in agony of mind on my account. I was resisting so much light & truth that it seemed a doubtful question whether I could be saved. Dr. H. said he had yet hope for me; he could not help but think I would

yet see myself from the prayer that God gave — They, Sr. H. in particular, have considerable spiritual power, and manifested chiefly in holding a man's conscience right up to God, with the assumption that they are taught of God, and if he is not prepared in humble confidence to stand there, face to face with God, holding firmly the everlasting truth, he must be prepared to fall, or to fight — Hence, as you see, they have power greatly to stumble those who the honest, are weak. Their influence, as it seems to me is perfectly analogous to absolute scepticism — nothing more nor less. They can unhinge the soul. But I am yet to find that they can hinge it again.

. . . . . I have felt some regret about my last letter to you, from Kingston. Some things in it may look as if written in a spirit of complaining; but do please overlook it, for really I did feel bad at the time. I was quite jaded out by much labor & the want of sleep, besides having been waiting for several days in the almost certain expectation of obtaining pecuniary relief for the brethren & myself, and for which I had made a journey to town & spent a week on purpose, and at last disappointed. Well, it did me good, — I got over it bravely after a good night's rest up at Oberlin. — —

I dont think I shall feel very bad again about the same things. We should have made better arrangements to prevent embarrassment had we foreseen events. Mr. Tappan says very expressly, dont make any more drafts till you hear from the Committee. But you know, we expected to have seen you in person & had all our matters adjusted long ago — It is now middle of Feb. & still we can make no drafts. The brethren have not made calculations for this & hence feel the "shoe pinch" a little. Our difficulty will probably have passed before you get this. More at another time.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Feb. 15th I did think of replying in full to your letter of Jan. 3d — but I will not. I wish to "bury the hatchet." I will say however that I have carefully reviewed my letter to Bro. Tappan, & I don't find any thing that I would have changed, except it be a phrase on sheet 5. pg. 1st "and some particularly connected with just such reports as we were expected to make." Also on the bottom line the word 'demanded.' I had better said relished.

The above phrase I see would very naturally seem to implicate those to whom missionary reports are made, as tho really wishing encouraging things even tho false. I had no such idea, but simply the idea of common reports expected by the friends of missionaries. — I must beg you here to excuse my manner of expression.

At our last interview I conversed particularly with bro Olds about these very things, (over your letter to me) and bro O. says emphatically. "Our friends do seem some how to get an exceedingly one sided view of things in missionary operations." However exceptionable some any things may seem to you in my letter, I would still say let them stand, for I am sure not a member in our mission, who would not say they are entirely truthful, & just what I ought to say. You must however understand me to speak openly & frankly, & with generous & manly feeling, & not illnaturedly by dark, malignant insinuations; and this I trust you will do. You quite mistook when you thought I had any allusion at all to reports made by bro. Olds in particular — and also in thinking I intended any ~~reflection~~ reflections on bro. Jas. Thompson. I had to do only with facts & principles, and if there can be possibly made to reflect on any particular individual, I don't know how it can be my fault, so long as I had no such design. —

I am saying more than I intended, & will stop. — And now dear brother, that we may think & speak & act as brethren, without evil surmisings, and if we cannot sometimes understand what our pens may utter, that we may understand each other is the humble desire & prayer of your affectionate brother

J. T. W.

Rev. J. T. Wolcott
Jamaica — Feb 15 & 15/57
Rec'd Mch 6/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1855
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Ga 14th Feby 1851

Wm Harned Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of — I forget the date, came to hand per Cherokee I enclose the second of a draft for $500 ~~sent you~~, first sent per Crescent City, which I hope reached you in time to meet the demands. Mr Olds was in town to day and took charge of all favors for the missionaries. All seems well as is

Your obliged and much hurried friend

A Barrett.

a. Barrett
2/14/51

A. M. A. CH
New York

Rev. J. C. Brandon, Miss. Institute,
Kingston, Jam. W. I.
Feb. 14. 1857.
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1856
FISK UNIV.

Dear Bro. Whipple

I received your note and accompanying notes per "Cherokee" today. The Str. leaves early in the morning & I have barely time to say a few words.

I suppose the $ P. were paid in by Mr. Mann to my credit, as my acct with you was closed some time since, as the enclosed receipt will show.

Bro. Fitch wrote me in Oct. that he had sent a box or parcel of bound bals. "Oberlin Evang." to you care for me. I have heard nothing about them since. Have you received them? Will you be kind enough to make enquiry for them.

I want to pay Bro. Fitch for
these & for books previously
sent, amounting in all
to Forty Three dollars - ($43.00)
I have told him I thought you
would accept an order from
me for the Amount and that
I would enclose the order to him.
I think now I will send it to
you, and if you see fit to ac-
cept it - please do so in form,
& send the order to him, or inform
him that the amt. is subject
to his order, on your Treasury.
I will pay the money here to
the Mission, whenever informed
that it is made payable there.

I would write more fully
but for want of time.

Believe me
As ever
Yours offly
J. O. Beardslee

Rec'd & P. Paid Mch. 14/61.

P.S. The $8. you may keep subject
to my order - J.O.B.

MASS. ARCHIVES

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1857
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage Feb. 17th 1857

Rev S. Whipple,

Dear brother,

Yours of 28th ult is this day received, to the cheering of my heart, tho I was not before sad. I find yet no word from the Treasurer in like manner to make me glad; but I shall not feel bad again on this account. And tho I have taken nothing for myself since first of Sept. & have paid to the mission more than fifty dollars above what I have drawn, and for which I am in debt (to forbearing creditors) still I would not draw until I had word so to do if I alone were concerned, but if I dont get word very soon I shall be obliged for the sake of the mission to give my reluctant consent to make a small draft without advice from Br. Tappan. —

A word in respect to your "Resolutions" — Events prove the suspension of the High School a matter of necessity. — Bro Denning does not expect his salary continued much beyond the time when he closed the High School. I have paid him nearly in full for 1st quarter commencing with 1st Sept. — I presume I shall be able to adjust affairs with him to your satisfaction. — The effect of your resolution in respect to Messrs. Evarts & Hyde upon them is yet to be seen. I may say however that you may be prepared to receive from them the severest censure; they will regard your action one of the greatest injustice. With correct principles however I dont see how they could, but their principles

are false in these as well as in some other things — The church & trustees in the dismissal of Br. Dorsey gave him liberty to occupy the premises till 1st of March.

When I was at B., in answer to an inquiry of some one, I heard this reply, "Can't tell — don't know as God will let us leave — perhaps he will make us stay to bring out what is in the hearts of the people!" You can judge from this all that I can.

Their is no perceivable occasion for recalling Bro Venning. — Your appro. for Chesterfield School house, seems to be for "Repairs". The house was never yet built. The appro. however is very acceptable & we shall not be at a loss how to use it. The prospect is so encouraging for a demand for a house of some size for regular chapel purposes that I think we must build larger than at first intended. We shall call on you for additional aid in "Repairs" when our own strength is exhausted. I hope to see the house in a usable condition by 1st. Aug. — — We are glad to hear of the appointment of Bro. A. M. Ls. for B. — hope he may prove the man. He is likely to have a trying position. He will need a living faith & a courageous heart. Dr. H. & his Crew will probably be prepared to give him battle, & will do their best to thwart the objects of his mission. — I should not be surprised however if Dr. H. ere long should be found decidedly insane. He has taken upon him a great work, the subversion 1st of the religion of the mission, & then of the island in general —

Some items of business I must notice

1st You have not answered our inquiries in respect to the ordination of Bro Hall, & his appointment as minister. The matter is becoming more & more important.* Can you give us your opinion soon?‖

2d – Bro Olds' necessities have forced him to commence building an addition. And I am authorized to ask the Com. for $40 to aid him – enough simply to purchase the roofing. He proposes to do the rest at his own cost. – Bro. Thompson proposes to do a similar work. I am not authorized to ask any assistance for him.

3d – Please say to Br. Tappan. Pay to Miss Mary Rennie (Mrs. Copland) for Miss Dean. thirty nine dollars $39, and charge to A/c of Mission. I will enter it to your Cr. & charge Miss Dean. –

4th Can you give me about the cost of a Magic Lantern with a good assortment of Astronomical & other objects for illustration, and a book of Directions for using it? – I want for the benefit of our schools; and if the cost is not too great would like to have it sent me at my expense if I cannot obtain it otherwise. Perhaps some 2d hand one might be found which would answer our purpose –

Yours in much love
Seth T. Wolcott

* See my letter under date of Nov 21st 2d Sheet 4th page.

‖ I hear today (Feb 24) that Bro C. has done something for you in respect to this. I don't know what

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H-1858
FISK UNIV.

I wish to say a few words respecting the state of things with our people. The epidemic of which you have already had accounts has done its terrible work & seems to have passed away, at least from this part of the island. But I fear this is not the last scourge prepared for this people, manifestly the effects of this in some important respects will not soon pass away. To say nothing of the heavy bill of expense incurred by Government & the taxes consequent thereon, a great multitude of orphan children are left destitute of any means of support. What can be done for them is now an important question. Most of them have aunts or cousins, or some other sort of relation, but for the most part these are either unable or unfit to make any adequate provision for the helpless ones. They can hardly provide for themselves. Some propose an orphan asylum. I doubt if this can succeed, if it could, I believe under the circumstances it would be a curse rather than a blessing. The cost of it would far exceed its benefits. Some propose a stringent law that shall compel the friends of children not otherwise well provided for to surrender such to the guardianship of the government, probably to be apprenticed. There will most likely be a powerful influence exerted to effect this. This would be well under such circumstances as those where children could be apprenticed in England or America. But in this country it would be a dire calamity, next to slavery itself. As a general thing they would be held in

considerable numbers by planters, & under overseers and drivers, not to be trained up in intelligence & virtue & to a love of industry — not to be regarded & treated as children of the family & as companions & members of one common household; but to be treated as dogs & donkeys, regarded only for pleasure or profit — made to know little, better than to bark & to bray, nor to attain a character or disposition much above the brutes which do this.

Oh, I should dread the influence of a generation that should come up in this way.

The more benevolent would prefer an educational ~~system~~. Your missionaries will endeavor to do something such as the providence of God may direct. Some of us could do ~~considerable~~ much in our own congregations to aid the friends of orphans to maintain & educate them under our own eye if we had the means. We could take some into our families & all into our schools, by remitting school fees and helping to furnish their cheap clothing. My congregation at Devon Penn has, I suppose, suffered more severely than any other in the mission, unless it be Eliot. Only one member of the church has died; but he was one of our best men, and has left a large family of children quite destitute. The school is free to them, but the teacher informed me on sabbath that they could not attend for want of clothes. This is the case of many — You must understand me when I speak of children wanting clothes in Jamaica, that the want extends even to the shirt. They cannot get that — large boys appear quite respectable if they can get a decent shirt to appear abroad in. I have heard of one, some four feet tall, who wears a shirt at school & when he goes out, but takes it off & goes naked when he gets home. Not far from thirty persons have died of cholera at D. P. & vicinity. The school fees there will probably be diminished, tho we hope the school will increase. ~~The cholera has yet spared us all at Hermitage & Chesterfield — The mission families all well~~

Kingston Feb 24th 1850

I am today in town & in respt of Br. Jappan's letter of 22nd Ult. and have in hand the money sent the Mission. Its arrival is as "cold water to a thirsty soul"

Br. Jappan's letter having been directed to care of brother Beardslee did not reach me with the other package.

I will write to Br. Jappan to accompany this if time will permit - if not at the earliest opportunity

Yours affectionately
J. T. Wolcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Jamaica Feb 17 & 24 / 51
Rec'd Mch 5/51

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NEW YORK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO F1-1859
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Feb. 24 1851

G. Shepherd Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 28th ult came to hand 19 inst. And be sure it is to the brethren as "cold water to a thirsty soul." I have just come up to O from town with the $760. and am distributing it to the proper persons.

You intimate that it may be best to return to the former method of making drafts. The brethren had already decided in favor of doing. It is our choice to make drafts on you quarterly in favor of Dr. Barrett. He desires those drafts, and we have made very desirable arrangements with him to take our drafts, he carrying promptly to us, provided you approve the course. The gold, I see, is at a loss to you of 2½ per ct. At the very best we can do, unless some extraordinary chance offer we must lose here 2 per ct while if we make drafts according to our direct arrangement with Dr. Barrett the whole discount at most will be but 2 per ct. Here then is a gain of 2½ per ct. (your premium) in favor of drafts to say nothing of the interest lost by sending the gold.

Will you do us the favor of communicating to me your mind on the above without delay? Shall I draw on you regularly for the balance of each successive quarter in advance? Please be definite in to me in this. Bro. O. was at B. yesterday & brings us word that things are fast winding up with Messrs Boyden & Evarts, probably. A regular row at their meeting yesterday, And, can you believe it? occasioned by the announcement publicly by those brethren of an exchange of wives!! The fact can hardly be questioned. Mrs. Wolcott & myself saw enough when at B. 2 weeks since the land

as to fear such a result; and fully prepare us to receive it.
But [illegible] it be so?—

The former [illegible] on the ground the letter— I will render a proper account soon as I can prepare them.— Something will be required for the coming quarter. I hope to hear from you about something [illegible] after the commencement of the quarter. Sister Beardslee wishes me to say to you, Please pray for them the divine, some of [illegible] which he has requested of you, I charge Mission—

I have received of him the amts of a similar order as transmitted [illegible] it will be understood [illegible]

Yours
Seth T. Hackett

[illegible]

Rev. Pitt T. Wolcott
Jamaica
Feb. 24/65

Ans
March 13

13.50
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12. —
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Ans

Kingston Ja 28th February 1851

Wm Harned Esqr

Dear Sir —

There is a parcel on board the Empire City addressed to you. We hope you have not been put to inconvenience with our matters — we have no time to say more as the steamer is on the eve of departure but are dear Sir

Your faithful servants

A Barrett & Co

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1860
FISK UNIV.

Dr. Barnett

2/28/57

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1861
FISK UNIV.

Items of business

Bro. Whipple —

Please stop the "National Era" and send instead the "Weekly Tribune"

[redacted] "Water cure journal" — Have my name [redacted] each, so that when they arrive here, I may get them without distraction. —

I will send you this year from the Office the "Kingston Evangelist" a small monthly periodical. It may be of some use to you. — It will come in the package with our letters.

Do not forget to send the two bear watches, the first good opportunity — Bring them yourself if you come soon. and I do hope you will. May the Lord direct. The good of the mission demands that some one of the Ex. Com. visit us, — The people desire to see you as well as ourselves —

L. Thompson

Send for [illegible] by Old. 6. pairs of [illegible] Bullen
shoes - two [illegible] two do. 8° on do. 9. 1. on do. 10.
[illegible] be em[illegible] Minister for Branch [illegible]

A. W. A. ARCHIVES

Send for [illegible] Bee Hives. 6 pairs of middle Quilting
shoes - two [illegible] two do. 8° one do 9, 4 one do. 10.
[illegible] be [illegible] Minister for Branch [illegible]

A. M. A. O. ARCHIVES

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-1862
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage March 10th 1851

Rev. G. W. Pipple.

Dear brother

My last of 17th ult. notifies you of the recpt. of yours of 28th Jan. I think also that I added a word when in town, 24th Feb. noticing the receipt of a letter & money from Mr. Jaspan. At least I replied to him. I hope all has been received. I have been to Brainerd & communicated your resolution respecting Messrs Hoyde & Evarts — Dr. Hoyde was not at home. I saw only Mr. Evarts He refuses, promptly, to comply with your conditions He holds you under obligation to continue his & Dr. Hoydes salaries, inasmuch as they are doing most effectually the work of the Lord. Mr. Evarts was confident that Dr. H. would be of the same mind with himself. I might give you the substance of our conversation in detail, but I presume it is not necessary. — I hinted in my letter to Mr. Jaspan that there had been a public announcement of an Exchange of Wives at B. This seems to be not quite correct. The announcement, & the fact, is this — viz. Dr. Hoyde & Mrs. Evarts have united as husband & wife. Mr. E. & Mrs. H. fully, publicly approve of it, assured it is of the Lord. Dr. H. & Mrs Evarts desire Mr. Evarts & Mrs. Hoyde to be husband & wife; but when I was there "The Spirit" had not yet given them liberty

These persons seem to have got into such spiritual liberty & light, that they are quite heart reproof. They talk & act like mad people. Their perversion of common sense, reason & the word of God is beyond description ——
The people have all left these teachers alone in their glory — quite horrified at such developments — The sooner a new minister is on the ground the better — now is a most favorable time to gather up the things that remain. Let a few months pass & it may become more difficult. One whom the people can consider their minister can do much more than any of us —

May the Lord keep us; and let our prayer be "Lead us not into temptation!" —

In much love Yours.

Seth T. Walcott

Rev. S. T. Walcott
Hermitage, Jam:
Mch 16. 57

Mr Lewis refuses to settle on such terms as we have offered. He holds us under obligation to continue his $52.00 salary. They are becoming more fanatical & the people are leaving them. A period seems near for us to close.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1865
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Station
March 10th 1851

Revd George Whipple

My dear brother

You must have heard before this, the horrible state of things in the family of our dear brother Evarts. Br. Holcott, very briefly alluded to it, in a letter written two ~~often~~ weeks ago to day. He did not mention all the particulars. The news that first came to us was that Dr Hyde and Mr Evarts had exchanged wives. This however was not then true. Dr Hyde two weeks ago yesterday, (Sabbath) publicly stated that he had been living for some time with Mrs Evarts as his wife, that Mrs Hyde was not his wife, they were ~~not~~ properly married but had been living in fornication — but now God had married him to Mrs Evarts, and he wish to let them all know it. This intelligence came like a thunder clap to all of us, tho. some were better prepared for it, than others, having seen things that looked much that way.

The few of the people that had been with him & Mr Evarts, all with one voice, cried out against it; turned Dr Hyde out of the place of worship (Mrs Evarts following) and declared that they would have no more meetings with them. They have disbanded and are now coming back to the church.

Mr Evarts justified the conduct of Dr Hyde & his wife, so did Mrs Hyde, who were both present. — Br. Benning & his wife spoke strongly against them. Would not that R.M. cast with them & left them the next morning early, without bidding them good bye &c. This was on Sabbath, On Monday we were all together at Oberlin. — Br Olds who preached at B. — brought the news. — Tuesday I returned home. — and on Wednesday I mounted my beast and went over there. I felt as though I must myself know the truth of such a matter. They would give me no explanation, as they said I came as an inquisitor, I did go as an inquisitor, so far as the report I had heard was concerned. We have now all visited them, and done the best we can to reclaim them, though, there seems but little hope of reclamation.

They are bold in asserting that their conduct is of God. Not all the members of the Mission are living in fornication - &c &c

They think we are all blind, and indeed the whole world lieth in wickedness. (Pho & than would they mean)

We as a mission withdraw all fellowship from them - Last Saturday Mrs Evarts was excommunicated from the Church. Next week at the meeting of our association we shall excind Mr Evarts. -

I am told that Mr Evarts children are call by Dr Hydes name - and of late Mrs Hyde told her little boy, to "Go down to his Father, mean Mr Evarts. This looks as though Mr Evarts & Mrs Hyde were about, or actually have taken each other, - Dr Hyde & Mrs Evarts greatly desire them to do so. Mrs Hyde has said that she shall rather go home. My opinion is that they will soon find "Spiritual sympathy, as they are so similarly situated, - They all think this is of God. Now is not this strange and unaccountable, - Missionaries sent out to instruct the ignorant. and such things are taught. -

Now are aware that the ground taken, is that we must be married in Spirit in order to be properly married, or as they sometimes say. "Married by God" - Spiritually married &c - How ridiculous & unscriptural such talk. - God has said - "He made them Male and female & for this cause shall a man &c

I have not time now to enter more fully into their new & strange notions. Suffice it to. I regard Dr Hyde as as a very wicked man. & Mr Evarts. as deluded by him.

These trials have done us all good. They have made us know better our stand point. -

They do not seem much inclined to leave the Mission premises till they may by the time set for them to leave - April 1st

We all greatly desire that bro Richardson may be sent out forthwith, as this will do much to draw together the Church, and hasten away from Brainerd its present occupants. -

Bro. Bardsley is coming round sight again - He has held a strange possession

We have just got up our Bell – Our people are delighted with it. The tone is not quite so sweet as the Otter, yet it is good, very good –

Yesterday 8 were received to the church – Next Com – nearly 20. stand proposed to be received. – The spirit of the Lord is preparing the truth on many hearts, both in the church and out. Last Sabbath our Chapel was crowded – We had Communion in the P.M. it was a sweet precious Time. The Saviour was manifestly, in spirit, with us –

Next August is the time set to purchase this land. We shall do here all we can – How much, we cannot now tell. The amount collected by bro. Roy. as reported. $120. and the sum I collected. $55.80 would be $175.80 This sum we shall hope to draw off, or before, that time. – Would the Society feel it within its sphere of operations to aid us in this work – Should we need?

All the members of the Mission are in usual health. – Cholera still lingers in some parts of the Island. A few cases have lately occurred about us. – One man was taken, and in three hours was dead –

I might say further as to Dr Hyde. He is without natural affection. During the late confinement of Mrs Hyde, he paid no attention to her – was not in the room with her, though a Physician, except once, and this after the birth of the child. – This account we have from the Nurse employed on the occasion. Mrs Hyde is not his wife as he says, and so he acts. His children, he treats as tho. they were not his children. – I understand Mr Evarts children are now called by his name – Robert Hyde, George Hyde &c – Did you ever hear of such conduct. How perfectly unnatural. – unholy, and of course, ominous is their course. – What renders it more awful, is, that they throw the cloak of Religion about the whole of it. – all very pious, all very good – as they say. – How true the passage. "Call good evil & evil good – sweet bitter & bitter sweet. – Dr Hyde & Mrs Evarts are strong in their belief – Mr Evarts & Mrs Hyde are weak. Br. Evarts is seen at the dead of night walking about the streets.

in the Chapel, &c — He often complains of his wicked heart not submitting to such conduct. — feels sometimes like turning Dr. Hyde out of doors. and some tempted to murder him if he did not depart, and let himself & wife alone. — This known is all because of his wicked heart.? — Poor man is, or will be quite deranged —

I must now close. as my post-boy is just off —

Kind remembrances to all the Dr. corn. —

Yours off'ly L. Thompson

I have no time to copy this,
excuse haste.

N.A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Mrs. J. H. Armstrong
Jamaica
Mar 10/51

Kingston Jamaica 14th March 1857

Wm Harney Esq

Dear Sir -

Your esteemed favor & Crescent duly received and we are rather surprised that it contains no acknowledgement of the draft we sent you of $200 to cover what we had drawn on you for viz in favor Mr. Eadie $60.00 do Mr Rowan $220.00 - ~~and~~ we hope that it has come safely to hand and that ~~you to~~ the draft on your good self have met due honor - we thank you for the offer of forwarding our communications for us - and are sorry that we have already given you so much trouble -

Some time ago a parcel addressed to John Connell was sent to your care from us - we have not heard from that individual ~~had~~ but we presume it was delivered to him -

We are dear Sir
Yours truly
A Barrett Esq

A Parcel of letters accompany the Crescent duly for you

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-1864
FISK UNIV.

a. Barrett

3/14/57

NEW YORK
NO. 4
ARCHIVES

A. M. Richardson
March 18th
Ack'd 20th by L.J.C. —

Com.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. II-1865
FISK UNIV.

Franklin Mass. Mar 18th 1851.

Rev. Geo Whipple

Dear Brother. I hasten to inform you of our departure from Lenox, & our safe arrival here. We left hence on the 5th of March. Spent a few days in Lanesboro visiting our friends & waiting for a boat. Not being able to obtain one, on acct of a sudden change in the weather, we left there on the 10th, in the Stage, for Buffalo.

It was a long & tiresome journey, with two little children. The roads were almost impassable, some of the way, on acct of the depth of the mud. We travelled one whole day, & only made 16 miles. We reached Buffalo about midnight on Wednesday, & arrived here at sunset, on Friday, the 14th inst. Altho' very much fatigued, we suffered less from the journey, than we had anticipated. The children bore it remarkably well. We feel called upon, at the close of this first stage of our journey, to erect our Ebenezer, & with truly grateful hearts, inscribe upon it, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We shall make Franklin our head-quarters, until we leave for Newport. There is a very interesting state of religious feeling in this community. Quite a number have recently indulged hope, & many more are anxiously inquiring the way to life. There has not been a gen. revival here, for nearly 15 years. Bricars have been the wastes & desolations of Zion, during this long period of moral darkness. And it is truly charming to my heart after an absence of 5½ years, to return at such a time. Br Hurst, who has recently been settled here, is anxious I should aid him, so far as I can consistently, in his multiplied

labors - which I shall be glad to do - In the meantime I wait for further instructions from the Ex. Committee, in regard to the time of sailing, the completion of our outfit & other preliminary arrangements - Our goods, we packed & directed to the care of Br Hearnell, with orders to be forwarded to Buffalo by the first Steamer & from thence by R. Road to New York - They will probably reach you by the 1st of April - There are three Boxes & two Buckets, weighing some 10 or 12 cwt - our Tables, Chairs, Bedsteads, Stoves &c, we disposed of, as we thot the cost of transportation, at this season of the year, would make them more expensive, than new ones purchased in New York I infered from your last letter, that it was very probable that we should not be able to go out on the Charges line of Steamers, next month - In that case, what arrangements do you expect to be able to make? Shall we be under the necessity of taking passage on board a packet, or are there other steamers sailing that way? We feel anxious to have you communicate as early as possible, any information in regard to the time & mode of our departure - I think we ought to come on to New York about a week before sailing, that we may have ample time to complete our preparations, & also have an opportunity of visiting a sister, who now resides in the city -

I have not yet been able to take up any collections for the Soc altho I presented the claims of our mission, to the church in Covenant, while there - they had contributed to the general funds of the Soc, but a short time previously - I also learn that the church in this place, have, within a few weeks, raised their annual contribution for your Soc - I expect to spend next Sabbath at Ashland, with Rev. Wm M. Shayer, an old schoolmate

of mine, & hope to be able to collect some funds for your Treasury - If however, from any cause, I should fail of doing it, I shall probably be under the necessity of drawing upon Br. Pappan for funds to reach New York - I have now made two long journeys, at a season of the year, when travelling is very expensive, they have cost me upwards of $90,00, which, together with what I have expended for outfit, has nearly used up my available resources -

When you write, please keep us "posted up", in reference to any recent intelligence from Jamaica - Now that we are released from the burden of labor & responsibility at home, we feel our cares, anxieties & prayers, concentrating on the work prospectively before us - We have been encouraged, by the indications of Lord's returning presence, at the Islands, reported in the last No. of the Missionary -

But the station at Brainerd, does not share as yet, in these tokens for good - I have felt an inexpressible yearning of soul, over that tried & destitute flock - They are as "sheep without a shepherd", & doubtless bewildered & discouraged by the evil counsels of blind guides - I long to whisper words of hope & comfort in their ears, & to point them to the everlasting hills, from whence cometh their help - I have felt of late, more than ever, the need of all-sustaining grace, to uphold me, amid the trials, connected with leaving home, friends & country, to toil among that dark-minded people - But Lord is faithful, & this grace is sufficient - We beg a continued remembrance in your prayers - Let us hear from you again soon -

With sentiments of Christian regard I remain,

Your fellow-labor in the Gospel -

A. M. Pickardson

Rev. Geo Whipple - Cor. Sec'y of Am. Miss. Ass -

Kingston Jamaica March 25. 1851

Dear Brother Whipple

I am in town on business, am in somewhat of a hurry, & trust you will pardon a few words from me. Will you order the Tribune to be sent to me another year. The first number which was sent me was of April 13.

The Tribune has come very irregularly. Ought they not to put our names upon the papers at the office of the Tribune. Is not that the reason we do not get the more of them. Nearly every number of the Oberlin Evangelist has reached me but my name is put upon that papers at the office of the Evangelist. We take the Tribune as individuals and not as a church.

I suppose you have heard of the dreadful state to which our brethren at Brainard have come. You have heard the facts. that Dr Hyde has taken Mrs Evarts to be his wife & is living with her as such. with the sanction of Mr Evarts & Mrs Hyde. It is to be feared that Mrs Evarts has & Mr Hyde have done the same. I cannot stop to go into particulars & you may know the ground on which they stand from the following circumstance. A young woman of Brainard, while in town was seduced, has a child, was cut off from from a church in town on that account. Mrs Evarts sent for her (she was at Brainard) & says to her. We were wrong in condemning you for that act. You were innocent. and were you to do that thing now we would receive you to our hearts. She repeated it several times, were you to do it now. The young woman turned upon her & said Mrs Evarts. I know I sinned against God. & turned from her. It is truly so Bro Thompson says the young woman told him. It is truly distressing. It is wonderful as it is dreadful. I have been to Brainard & had a long talk with Mrs Evarts.

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I never saw a person more bold, calm, & confident than she appears to be. She appeared not to have the least compunction of conscience or the stirring of the Spirit of God. How dreadful. God says woe to them that call evil good & good evil.

This will be painful intelligence to my Parents & friends. All my brethren of the Mission tell me it is my duty to write to them fully & at once. And I have done so. I have written to my Father & each member of his family that is not with him.

I know it will bring down the gray hairs of my aged Parents with sorrow to the grave. I fear the consequences of the dreadful intelligence upon the health & life even of my ~~dear~~ sister Mrs Butsford. May God prepare them for the awful stroke. May God have mercy on the fallen ones.

The things connected with our station look quite favorable at the present time. Some ~~fifty~~ twenty persons, I suppose would offer themselves to to the Church were an opportunity presented ~~they~~ but only a minority of them could be received, I think, at present.

I must not fail to tell you of a little fellow that has been stopping with us for four weeks. He came to our place on the 23° of Feb. He is full of life & energy, & will, we trust, help us some day in our work. I cannot tell you his name for I have not learned it yet.

Mrs Hall's health is quite good.

With much love yours

O. B. Hall.

Rev. H. B. Hale
Jamaica
March 21/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1866
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1867
FISK UNIV.

Washington March 26-1851

J. Whipple

Dear brother,

I have occasion to drop you just a note at this time.

Miss Dean is in town, & about to leave for New York. I have paid her salary to 1st March. A final settlement can of course be made between the Com. & herself. I have drawn on Br. Tappan in favor of Dr. Barrett, to pay her passage - and something over, that may apply on the app. for roof for bro Olds, which he has already purchased. [Drft. $8/00]

I am sorry to say that in consequence of the unsettled state of the Estate of Br. Hanaford I am not able yet to report to you anything definite.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

A. T. Wolcott
March 26/51.

We hope you will hasten bro Richardson — Things with Messrs Hayde & Perrits have come to a close at the worst.

I hope my last communications have reached you — & that a/cs rendered were satisfactory to Mr. Tappan & Barnard.

We have a strong desire to see you, & would that the providence of God might open the way for you to pay us a visit soon. My respects to all the Com.

Yours Truly
Seth T. Wolcott.

P.S. I send to Mr. Tappan the receipts of the brethren which should have been sent before.
S. T. W.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1868
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Station March 26th 1851

Dear Bro Whipple

One object of my going to town yesterday was to get an article which I greatly need but which I could not find. I write hoping this may reach you before Bro Richardson leaves New York for Jamaica. If he shall have left and there should be any other opportunity I wish it might be improved. What I want is a good substantial pair of Cow hide boots, such as farmers in the States wear. Dont think Cow hide sounds too vulgar, and send me something a little nicer for I want them to wear when & where nothing lighter would be as good. You will not think I have turned farmer, not exactly, but I do want to stir a little sometimes when I cannot do it without having my feet & ancles soaking wet, unless I have something of the description I have mentioned. I will send you the measure of my foot taken according to the best of my ability.

11 inches in length
13½ " around the heel
10½ " around the instep
9½ " around the ball.

Pegged work is better for this Country than sewed. You can order them made or get some at a store as you see fit. If you send the boots will you send also a plain substantial pair of rubbers you can judge of their size by the above measure.

If you can send me these articles, they will contribute greatly to my comfort, to say nothing about health.

If you order some boots made, let the counters be put on the inside &c. good leather, double soles, &c.

I am truly & off Yours

H. B. Hall.

(Turn over)

If you send the articles for me. please send a pair of rubbers for Mrs Hall. to wear without shoes under them. Her foot is 9 1/4 inches in length.

H B Hall

H. B. Hall
Jamaica. N. Y.
Mar 26/87.
by Mr Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1867
FISK

Oberlin March 26th 1851

Revd Geo Whipple

My dear Brother

I returned last evening from a very interesting meeting of our Assn. Interesting I say tho' sadness & sighing were connected with it. But I do not intend to write about our sad trials for you will hear about them officially. And I am sure that one hearing will be all that you will desire. For some time past I have avoided writing you concerning the gross defection of those we have held dear because I knew you were getting the principal facts from other brethren. And I would not afflict you with another reading of what had already given you great pain. In view of the facts you will get from Br Wolcott I would only ask that you weep with, and pray for us.

I have said that our meeting at Hermitage was an interesting one. Most of the delegates of the churches brought up the cheering intelligence that God was mercifully visiting them. Especially at Elir. Providence and Oberlin the report of the work of God was very cheering. At each of these places there has been a number of hopeful conversions, and also christians have been greatly quickened by the Spirits presence and power. Our congregations have been greatly enlarged. And there has been & is a solemnity and interest that manifestly is the result of the Spirits presence upon the people

Mrs Ellis unites with me in desiring to be kindly remembered to you and wife. We are very happy to inform you that you have a little daughter that is quite crowing about the house. Mr Hastings call on Miss Clark.

But I have commenced this letter with a design principally to speak of another matter that has been much on my mind for a few days past. My heart was stirred within me on the receipt of the Am Mess in reading the tale of woe as presented by Mr Wilson relative to the fugitive slaves in Canada. And what a thought that all of that suffering from hunger, & nakedness, & cold, should be voluntarily chosen, rather than endure the oppressions that are heaped upon them in proud Republican America! May her sons never more boast that their land is the asylum for the oppressed of other nations until they are prepared to give freedom to their own fellow citizens.

While reading of the sufferings of those self emancipated heroes who chose peril & hunger, nakedness and even a conflict with the stern elements of nature rather than that dire human bondage from which they had escaped: while reading of their sufferings I say I asked my self why not turn that tide that is now flowing into Canada to this Island? We have here a climate, that for salubrity & pleasantness can scarcely be excelled on this sin-cursed earth. The thermometer seldom rises in the mountains above 90° Fahren. and as seldom falls below 70°. Hence all that labor & anxiety to prepare houses & fuel & clothing to meet a stern northern winter would here be avoided. Again here provisions are coming in from the ground all the year round. but there the planting and harvest seasons are quickly past, and all the remaining year is cold, bleak, and barren. I am sure that one half the labor will make a family comfortable here that would be required in the Canadas. * (See Note appended) Another item of capital importance is the fact that there is no danger of suffering on their first arrival here provided there be health and a disposition to labor. It is far

other wise in Canada. During the greatest part of the year if the newly arrived be not well clothed, & if he has not a comfortable house to shelter himself in (and the probabilities are against both of these suppositions) he must suffer from cold. Here on the contrary the slightest covering protects from the cold; and a house can be built for $15.00 that will be comfortable for years.

There is another consideration that is worthy of notice. The government is disposed to be favorable to emigrants of this class. There has been a great demand for labourers in the Island for many years. An attempt has been made at a great expense to supply the deficiency by the emigration of the Coolies from India. But this has proved an utter failure as they are worthless as labourers when they arrive. Public attention is beginning to be turned to America as a source from whence this deficiency may be supplied by encouraging the emigration of free people of color. And there is but little doubt that means will not be provided here for defraying the expense of the passage, and also provisions made for supplying their wants until employment can be obtained.

Are not these considerations worthy of the regard of the friends of the fugitive? It does appear to me that something should be done to arrest the terrible alternative that is now before the fugitive from oppression, either to run the hazard of being dragged back to perpetual bondage, or reach almost naked, and quite houseless & homeless into the midst of the snows & frosts of Canada. There must be suffering experienced by the mass of those who escape to Canada that will never in this world be told. It tells a horrible tale for the miseries of oppression, that in their frenzy the fugitives do not flee again to the genial climate of the Southern States!

Miss Dean is now leaving us. We think it best she should do so, although her place as an efficient Miss Gibson will not again be easily filled. Perhaps it is due that I should say that in my opinion (and we think we have had sufficient time to form an opinion) your impressions respecting Miss D. before we came here were unfounded; and whoever gave them was undoubtedly under the influence of prejudice. Of course I do not know who was the author of those impressions. I only speak in vindication of Lizzie Dean. She hopes, as she will inform you, again to return to this field. But whether she may be permitted to do so is to us in the future dark arcana. If the will of the Lord be so it would greatly rejoice us to spend yet other years in laboring for the temporal and spiritual welfare of this dear people. But we hope ever to be able to say, in this matter as in all things else "the will of the Lord be done."

We put Charles Sims, (the boy that has lived with since our settlement here) into the school. He has not all the qualifications that we could desire; but we probably shall not be able to do better. So far as book knowledge is concerned he will do very well. He is a good reader, speller & writer. He is a good Geography scholar. In grammar he is not so good a scholar, yet he recites the rules and analyzes and parses a plain style very well. He is a very good arithmetician, and has a very happy manner of teaching it. He has been through thoroughly with Davies Common school arithmetic, and is now in Thompson's Higher Arithmetic. He is also now studying Natural Philosophy. He is rather young to go into the school being as near as we can learn about fifteen. But we think that in a remarkable degree for so young a person he commands the respect of the scholars. He has had the control of the school now for several weeks & is doing well. We shall need some assistance — how much I cannot at present tell. The expense of employing him will be about $75.00 per an, This comes board as he will still live with us & pay some part of his way with his hands. Of this sum we hope the people will at least raise $30.

A. Dodge. March 26-51

Miss Dean received
a letter from you last evening
dated Feb 20th. The entire mail
for the Mis of that date was
miscarried, which is the cause
of our not receiving it sooner.
In that letter you suggest
that you were expecting some
thing from me respecting another
teacher. We thank you for this
suggestion. It was what we had
thought of, but feared to ask, lest
we should have the appearance
of soliciting too much.

You will see by what I have written that we had concluded to place Charles Sims in the school. If however we can have a teacher that can make Miss Dean's place good we are well convinced that it would be far better for the school. Charles could then be an assistant (as one would be needed) until he should have acquired a greater maturity.

We would then say that if a young lady of worth can be obtained to come here as a teacher, we should be most happy to get her, no matter how soon. In the mean time Charles will continue in the school.

You can confer with Miss Dean respecting the matter.

I would farther say that it is very probable, and I think quite certain that a teacher will be needed for Brainerd.

I remain Yours truly
A. D. Olds

* You may think there is some discrepancy between what I write here & what I have written on former occasions. But a word of explanation will harmonize them. Almost all the provisions that the people use, they abundantly raise in their own grounds, as they use almost no bread. And very little flesh except salt fish which is cheap.

The difficulty lies in converting their provisions into cash. The expense of going to market usually consumes a great portion of the receipts. Hence you see a person who lives on the products of the soil may get get a comfortable living & yet see but very little cash.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1872
FISK UNIV.

Kingston
March 26th 1851

Revd George Whipple
My dear Brother.

Your favor of Feby 20th was duly received by Dr Barrett, who on account of the invoice of goods, retained it till yesterday when it was handed me —

We are thankful for the things. They will all be more or less useful — A good many in our congregations are truly needy.

You said nothing about the expenses of the bell — There has been such a delay of the watches, ordered that one of the person desiring a watch has said that he cannot now take it. The other person still wishes a watch sent, and as I have sold mine. I will now require one so that the two watches may still be sent —

With regard to the goods sent. the Custom House took of I do not know as they know the design of the articles sent. — We shall inquire —

All the male members of the Mission except Mr Rennie, accompanied Miss Dean to Town. who is now waiting the arrival of the Steamer to convey her to St. M. We regret the loss of her health —

You suggest that the Br. Com. are still desirous that you should visit Jamaica In this we all join as Sister Dean will tell you. We wd any of us be willing to settle the houses of shops, to do your work, could we that you might come — ✱ The state of things at Bearwood are no better, so far as Dr Hyde & Mr Evorts & families are concerned. They still persist in their abominable ways. — making religion the cloke to iniquity — I have not time now to enter into this subject. Intend soon

✱ & I am sure some one will be found who will supply your place for a few months

to give Your full accounts of the state of things among us at Eliot also some account of the late meeting of our association.

You will see by the Kingston Gazette that we have publicly protested against the course & conduct of those men, Evarts & Hyde. Bro Hall & suppose gave you a fact concerning Mrs Evarts, that gives a clue to her state, justifying fornication &c.

I think they will leave about the first of April Bro. Richardson coming will do much to hasten them and settle matters at B.

The Lord is still among us as a Missionary. The trials are doing us all good.

If Bro. Richardson has not left please send the India rubbers shoes, ordered by him & watches.

Tell him also to bring out an assortment of shoe pegs.

But I must close

Remain

Your's affy L. Thompson

I have written this in great haste, and cannot copy

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. L. Thompson
Jamaica Mch 24/58

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Revd George Whipple
61 Johnst
New York

for Miss Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1872
FISK UNIV.

Miss Institution
Kingston, March 28th 1857

Dear Bro. Whipple

I am hoping when the Str. comes in, now momently expected, I may have a letter from you. I will, however, commence writing at once, as I have so little time.

The bound vols. of the Oberlin Evangelist have reached me in good order. You gave me no advices respecting them — nor any statement of costs etc. Whatever you have paid put to my account and let me know what it is. Will you please settle my account with the "New York Obs." and "Youth's Cabinet" to the end of this year and send me receipts for the same. You are sending the "Water-Cure Journal" to Bro. Wolcott Lebeline. I take one copy." Will you please get two copies more from the commencement of the year and send them with the next parcel and write in pencil "J. O. Beardsley 3 copies," thereafter.

I suppose I shall hear about the order to Bro. Fitch, if you have written me by the "Empire City." You will all have felt much anxiety respecting the cause at Brainerd and the course pursued by brethren there, and perhaps I may include myself. All these, inclusive of myself have been no less

sources of concern to my own mind, and I have thought it best to say no more till I was fully satisfied how matters stood. You may have seen the few hurried lines I wrote Mrs. Goff respecting her son, before his death. I wrote her because she had written me and seemed to attach some importance to my decision. I wrote as I viewed things at the time, and so far I have no regret. I never adopted, practically, any of the so-called spiritual courses of the erring brethren: I maintained in common with them much that I was satisfied was truth, and endeavored to sustain them so long as I knew nothing in their conduct opposed to those truths. Where I thought them in error I told them so. I was surprised and grieved when I saw in the "Amer. Missionary" the broad announcement of a charge of immorality, including Mr. & Mrs. Evarts. I had, then, not the slightest evidence that such a charge could be sustained, nor do I now think it could, prior to that period. I still believe that Mr. Evarts is sincere & that no charge of wrong doing could be brought against him, as an immorality.

But that there is terrible delusion I do believe, and that Dr. Hyde has long been chargeable can no longer be doubted. He & Mrs. Evarts have taken each other as husband & wife & have proclaimed it publicly that the Lord has married them — that hitherto they have

lived immorally with their several companions. Mr. Evarts & Mrs. Hyde adopt the same opinion but do not infer, that I am aware, that they are one. All have been stopping together at Brainerd. When Mr. Evarts was formally dismissed, I asked for him and his family the privilege of remaining there till the end of March, which was consented to. I fear they will compel the people to turn them out forcibly. They seem quite determined not to leave Jamaica.

I went up two weeks ago to preach to the people and had an excellent congregation. The two parties came together. Though those who went off with Mr. E. & the Dr. have left them, since they came out openly and avowed their sentiments, they had imbibed an antipathy to those who remain in connexion with the Chapel, and vice versa, and it will require some time & judicious management to reconcile them. If a suitable man is soon sent to them I trust all will be healed. I intend to visit them again on "Good Friday" & spend the following Sabbath with them.

We are sorry to part with Miss Dean, and hope that a year at home will set her all right again and that her own wishes & ours may be gratified by her returning again to the field. She has been very successful & useful as a teacher. I could wish she might be the companion of some good brother coming out, as I think she would

last longer in that capacity than as a teacher.

The Revd Mr. Thorburn, of Falmouth, for some years a missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, will be a fellow-passenger with Miss Dean. Should he have time, before sailing for Scotland to spend a few days in New York I hope you will make his acquaintance. He is an excellent man & I am sure your acquaintance would afford mutual pleasure.

The brethren are still entertaining the hope that you will visit them. It would do you & them good to meet in Jamaica, & I would be very happy to see you here.

With love to you and the brethren of your Committee,

I remain

Yours affly

J. A. Kendrick

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Rev. J. A. Kendrick
Hampton Jamaica
Mch 28/57
Ans. April 8/57

April 1851. Recd. of Mary Dean.

From Passengers on board the Empire City, (for School at Oberlin) $30.00

From Anonymous friends, 10.00

40.00

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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20. Recd. by
Mary Dean
for School at Oberlin
4/51 Jam.
40.00

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1875
FISK UNIV.

Franklin. Mass. April 7th 1851.

Rev Geo Whipple

Dear Brother.

Your letter, mailed the 5th inst, has just come to hand this evening— Had it reached here on Saturday, as it should have done, we should have made arrangements to have been in New York tonight, and might have been ready to sail on the 10th— I think our Goods, will doubtless have arrived, before that date I left strict charge, to have them sent on the first boat to Buffalo, & forwarded from thence by Rail Road—

As it is, however, I don't think it prudent, (if indeed possible) for us to attempt, with two small children, to get ready to sail on Thursday— You wrote us in your last letter, that you would probably give us sufficient warning, so that we could spend a week in N. York, previous to sailing— We have quite a number of purchases to make, in order to complete our outfit, And shall need at least 2 or 3 days time to do it, with our children to hinder us— The only question now is, shall we better come on immediately, & get ready to sail as soon as possible in a Packet; or shall we wait until the 28th inst for a Steamer. We shall probably get there about a week sooner, if we pursue the former course— But our voyage will be twice as long, & our exposure to fatigue & seasickness, twice as great— will the advantage of our reaching the field a week earlier, compensate for this? If so, please send us a line, & we will come to N.Y. the last of this week (Q.V.)

We are not idle here— There is a precious revival of Religion, in progress in this place, & our hearts & hands, are full of work—

The Pastor's health is not very good, & many seem to think we are needed here just now, quite as much as in Jamaica. We however, are ready & longing to go, the first convenient opportunity - there have been from 40 to 50 hopeful conversions within the past few months - most of them have occurred within a few weeks -

Unless we should receive further intelligence from you, we shall make our arrangements to be in New York two weeks from this evening -

Yours in Gospel Love

A. W. Rickardson

Rev. A. W. Rickardson
Franklin Me
April 7 1856

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-1896
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage April 17/51

Rev Geo. Whipple

Dear brother

I wrote you so hastily on the 11th inst that I feel constrained to write again. I wish to be more particular, and so well understood in regard to appropriations for buildings. In turning to my apts I find only 1st $19.20 for High school, and 2d - $100. for Chesterfield since Aug. 1850 - The appro. bills rendered in my (Aug. 1850) report of apts were paid by me in sundry small sums previous to 1st of Aug. from your previous appro. for the purpose - On the authority of Mr. Tappan to bro. Olds I have paid the $40 asked for Chestin and had done so before I got your last letter - making in all paid here from Assoⁿ Friends $159.20 during the present current year. We are thankful for your generous offer for more appro. if necessary - They are needed, or rather will be; but as we go upon the principle of requiring of the people first according to their ability, we choose to defer recommending any farther draft from you till we can determine what the people will do - I speak with respect to buildings now in progress - Chesterfield is principal. If any thing is done at Brainerd this year it must be determined after the advent of bro. Richardson.

Omitting Brd then to be hereafter considered, we are not to call on you for any farther appr. before the 1st of Aug. next. In making this arrangement we do what we think is best for our people - I expect in consequence of it to sustain for Chestd & D. P. some expense personally for a time throwing myself upon the people for relief in the first instance and in the last upon you. What I do will be done as cheap as my economy, of which I think rather favorably, can do it. The house at Ches. (which is to be built now for the first time, entirely new) must cost at best a comfortable little sum. Something, we hope, will be wanted for Devon Fen & other places also. When we can determine what we will advise you - but, we think, not until August -

Allow me here to say that I have felt a great delicacy, too much so perhaps, in making expense for the Assn. Your generous offer to make appr. relieves me of this somewhat - You dont know how much I have longed to see you face to face & how strongly I have hoped - I have desired, & do still, to look at things & talk of them at length with you both from the same standing point - all things having to do with our mutual relations - I think I could then act, write, with a freedom from embarrassment & a strength of mutual confidence & good understanding which are now, my fault it may be, to some extent denied me -

Our mission, as you will suppose, has been scandalized before the public; but I think there is already a reaction in our favor — Sympathy with us in our trials — a growing confidence in American influence

There is prospect of various new openings for us and it may be that ere long we shall call on you for more money — more missionaries. Bros. C. & I have gone this week to explore a field where some flattering, urgent propositions have been made. You may expect to hear more particularly soon — I suppose I need not here be particular to answer your inquiries under date of 12th of March; as they have already been answered in one way or another — Bro. Thompson has written you about matters at B. &c. &c. I preached at B. last sabbath, a week — Congregation large + very attentive — The Stumbled + scattered they can be gathered again if the right man is with them soon — I suppose you are already satisfied that Dr. T's possession of Mrs Evarts as his wife + bro. E's voluntary surrender of her is "unmistakeably" entire — I have our word for it as well as the best of other evidence —

Well may we ask — Who is safe from the snares of the devil? — Well may we remember "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" —

The Lord be with you — Pray for us —

Love to all — Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

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S. J. Wolcott. W. L.
April 17/51

My Time being fully occupied just now I cannot at once give that attention to Mr. Harmedis A/cs sent me which the subject demands. I hope however the delay will not be very long - please mention to him, with my respects.

S. J. W.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1877
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Kingston Apr. 11/51

Rev. G. Whipple,

Dear Brother,

Yours of 28th March has just arrived by the Cherokee, and also from Br. Barnard with C/Cs — I was before in receipt of yours of March 12 & Messrs Tappan's & Barnard's of the 13th

I have time only for a hasty reply. Bros. Thompson & Olds are with me. Bro. T. has been writing you, & he will notice some things for me. I must reply to some items in yours of March 12th

1st Stationing Bro. Hall as minister at Providence will probably be formally recommended by the Mission at an early date & submitted to you for approval —

2d We shall not "despise" Bro. Ro. or any other who may come to help us or do us good —

3d — In respect to teachers. For one, I am very desirous to bring forward & make efficient native help, if possible. At least I wish to see the experiment well tried so far as it can be done safely. I think it will be considered, soon, advisable to supply Br. Fenning's place at Brainerd, but the question had best be left open till Bro. Richardson arrives, if that is soon. If this be done "a male — a mechanic &c." is the sort, as he can take charge of repairs of Br. Patience's house & save expense —

Bro. O. has written you in respect to a female for Oberlin — He would be glad of one — I feel a little sensitive, perhaps about the expense. Do not foreign teachers cost too much in comparison with natives, if we can get natives to do the work

for a price proportioned to what is paid for other labor? — So long as we get teachers from home, we must keep our Schools beyond the people's ability to support. But I feel almost sad under the impression that after all we must have other than native help — not time to be more particular. The sums pledged to teachers here is not well defined, some of our arrangements being only temporary. For Brainerd, since Mrs. D was dismissed — nothing — Eliot since June 51 — $14.50 per month — Oberlin, since March 1st 56 — per month. Prov. about the same. Devon Penn — to Mr. Stennis $250 — per annum. Chesterfield — only the School fees is pledged, but more is paid by voluntary contribution — —

4th You have already been advised in respect to Miss Dean.

5th Appropriations. On Mr. Richardson's arrival or soon after, we hope to draw on the Ass.n for repairs of Mt. Patience house pledged before 1st of Aug. 51 & part paid. The work has remained unfinished on account of affairs at R. — I cannot determine on this definitely now. You can find the sums that have been paid since 1st Aug. 50 — from my financial rept. $100 — has been appro. to Chesterfield. — We wish 40$ for Oberlin — Nothing more will be called for (aside from Brainerd) until after Aug. when we shall (I hope) need more for Chesterfield, & perhaps for Devon Pen. Be patient & I will try to be more definite when I have leisure & the means —

6th Dr. Barrett proposes to pay our Drafts at the market rate of premium, or discount, as the case may be, on making the draft, or on date of

its drawal here either in cash or orders as may best suit us. When the draft is made here it is cash in hand to us, so far as the A. M. A. is concerned —

Please say to Mr. Jappan that I have drawn this day on him for $700 towards meeting expenses of present quarter — notwithstanding we have not got arrived at a final adjustment of a/cs. I trust to all your generosity & patience in the matter of our drafts & a/cs. in general till all can be set right. The amt. due the brethren for present quar. can not be well done without. I have not drawn the full amount, but will not draw again till next quarter — Would write Mr Jappan particularly but I cannot now — I must go home tonight & the clock just strikes four — You may expect to hear from me again soon — The Collector of customs says that goods sent as you propose must be charged duties; but that they will probably be refunded on application to commissioners of customs —

In haste, but in much love Yours

Seth T. Walcott

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Rev. S. T. Wolcott
April 11/51

A. W. A. ARCHIVES
OBERLIN

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1878
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Kingston April 11th 1851.

Revd George Whipple.

My dear Brother

Your favor of March 12th came to hand April 4th. We were glad to hear from you again. Bro. Wolcott has just got your letter to him, and business has brought us all to Town.— The Cherokee has just come in & we must therefore write in haste, as we were not looking for her so soon.—

The draft for the $174.08. is in good time. and I draw on Bro. Tappan in favor of Dr Barrett, who will cash the draft the day I want.— You allow me to say a word about our drafts.— Dr Barrett takes them, and pays us in cash— and orders. (the latter as good as cash,) when the draft is given here. We regard this arrangement safe and convenient, to us—

You speak of not answering all my letters. this I do not mind, though had you time so to do it wd be very acceptable. You speak of my "full letters," "and by a continuance of them" I have been drawn unintentionally into giving the state of things at Brainerd, and some of the Brethren have rather left the matter for me to do & have not therefore, themselves written so fully—

I do not write concerning matters at B. because I take pleasure in so doing, but because it is due you, and I can do it, perhaps as well as any, being the nearest to them, and having more to do with them, or the people than any of my brethren being now there acting in this labor, I hope soon to be relieved by the coming of our bro Richardson, whose advent among us, we ardently pray may be a useful and happy one — and the sooner the better.

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Dr Hyde & Mr Evorts are still at Brainard, and as yet have made no arrangements to leave - or had not last Saturday, 5th inst. -
The time for them to leave was given by the trustees, has passed the last day of March. they say however that God will not allow them to leave. and untill God bids them they cannot leave, -

Mr Evorts has left his shoe making - and Dr Hyde his jewelry and for the last 3 or 4 weeks have been engaged in collecting shells. - they have now gone on a tour to St Anns parish. - a were gone on last Saturday. when Bro. & Sister Olds, with myself, called at B. to ascertain what they were going to do. and to request them quietly to retire. It is my opinion that they are looking about to seek a place - but where they will go, or who will allow them a place of rest I do not know. As a mission we have published in the Kingston Evangelist, our non-participation in their vines & practices, which, when or made known read will put every body on their guard. - — It is a notorious fact that Dr Hyde has taken Mrs Lucy A. Evorts to be his wife. - Conducts towards her as such. - takes bed with her = dresses in her room - she taking the sole charge of all his clothes &c and has left Mrs Hyde entirely to herself - has no care for. or interest in her, as his wife - Mr Evorts of his own will leaves his bed to Dr Hyde, gives up the head of the table, and from the head of the family. —

Dr Hyde is now the "sole monarch" of all that was Mr Evorts. he, (Mr E.) not being able to do any business except as Dr H. directs. not even so much as to engage to make a pair of shoes. —

They have now taken the position that they will do no work for any person that will not receive them as "men of God" And this not one of the people now do. - They will turn out of their family (as enemies) all who do not sympathize with them. and say their conduct is of God —

Mr Everts has not as yet taken any one to live with as a wife — Neither has Mrs Hyde a husband. Hyde & Mrs Everts desire him (Mr E.) to take Mrs H. but he does not feel "inclined" and Mrs Hyde did say that she felt more "inclined" to go home — They have both said, they were at liberty to be married, and having no prejudice against color, would as freely take a colored person as any other.

In speaking to Mr & Mrs Everts & Mrs Hyde about the coming of Bro Richardson, they replied, "If God sends a Minister here (Brainerd) he will provide a place for him" — So you see that his coming will hasten them away — Can you not come with him, if not please not delay him. Matters will soon come down to a head, (mean their going away) when bro. R. arrives — We shall all be ready to receive him cordially, though some of us do not know him in person. —

A word about bro. Benning. — Bro Beardslee says that bro. B. is finding his where abouts, and is returning to the "old paths" for this we bless God. — He has now no employment.

We now supply the Brainerd every sabbath, this for several reasons is desirable — They (the people) are in some confusion respecting a station teacher at B. — They need a good male teacher. A man of family, — and without of mechanical genius as the School buildings must have speedy repairs — nothing has been done, for the last 16 months. It is my opinion that the Church will request the Society to take charge of them as before — if so we should recommend that you furnish a good substantial teacher.

Miss Dean sailed in the last steamer, and is before this among you. She will give you many particulars.

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With regard to our people I may say briefly, that we are having very interesting times among us. At the last communion 8. were received to Church fellowship by profession and at the next some 10 to 15. more will most likely be received.

One bell adds much to the interest of this station. the people are much pleased with it.

The amount the Society have now sent for the purchase of our land is also thankfully received. We hope to raise enough here to make up £60. v. v. the amount necessary to make the purchase. If we fail I will let you know & you will do what you can.

I wish I had time to write you about some political matters, or matters in general; but cannot at this time. A man of high standing - a member of the "Assembly" is now before the county Court for Forgery - and in addition to this public business - we have the trial of 11. other persons now under arrest for murder - at the late election in St Davids.

The getting of free Coloured Americans to this country is exciting much interest just now.

The home government being in confusion affects this government somewhat.

These matters I cannot now speak of.

I now close - May the Lord guide you in all your matters. And especially in sending out labourers. - We have had some trials the last year - May we be spared the like or similar, in future.

Kind regards to all

Yours offly

L Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Bro Wolcott has just received from the Chickasaw, your letters to him of the 28th and yours to me of the same date. —

With regard to the "erring brethren" as I once could call them, we have done all that we can do to restore them. and now we have "no" fellowship no not so much as to Eat." We do not stop at the Mission house when we go over there, or have any friendly communication with them. —

In your letter bro Wolcott you make a difference between Dr Hyde & Mr Everts. — There is a difference — but with regard to Dr H. & Mrs E. conduct, Mr Everts is guilty, as he continues at it. and justifies what says it is of God &c. — Mr Everts has gone so far that I have lost nearly all hope of his return, so as to come allow him to be useful he may be saved. Dr Hyde I regard as a decided selfish man. and your expressions of abhorrence of their conduct is not too strong. It is most outrageous —

Well may we "take heed lest we fall." Who would have thought that such havoc would have been made in our once much esteemed brother Everts family. But so it is — May God save them from utter ruin. What will become of those dear children — "for aught we tell" they are now left with no strict family controle, they are all running wild —

Now say nothing of bro. Rickards or mine probable in Dec. or the time of his sailing is —

Don't fail to send the vouchers, media &c, &c, &c. I can't have.

Be hasty

Yours &c

L. Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson
Jamaica Plain
Mass
Mr Hamilton
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1880
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Okolona Apr 28th 1881

Rev Geo Whipple

My dear brother

We have been and are still looking with a longing anxiety for the time to come when we shall receive that promised visit from you. We very much desire you to come and see with your own eyes & hear with your own ears what we have long, in vain endeavored to present to you on paper. So great is the difference between a field of labor here & one in the U.S. that it would be quite impossible for one from the latter place to understand from a mere paper and ink representation many very important elements that help make up a picture of a field here. I venture to say that the mountains of this Island, upheaved by the mighty fires within, are not more different from the landscapes of New York than are the differences between a community here & a community there. Hence in order that you may understand our letters you need to see something of the material about which we are writing.

In my present letter I wish to say some things respecting new fields of labor. My mind has often dwelt on this subject with much interest to myself. But until your recent letter respecting the field at St Doretha I had supposed that your society had not the means of enlarging operations here. It is for this reason and not that there were not important fields unoccupied here that I have not written you before on this subject.

But I have not time at present to make general remarks. I wish to call your attention to one or two localities, recently visited by Bro Thompson & myself. We went on the invitation of a friend of ours who kindly offered to accompany us & bear our expenses. He has two properties there, one in St Thomas in the East, the other in Portland the two most easterly parishes in the Island. He told us that the destitution of those districts was very great, and wished us to see if some thing could not be done in their behalf.

Perhaps I shall not be able in a better way to place before you the condition of the people of these districts than to transcribe that part of my journal relating to these places.

("Middleton" (the first property we came to belonging to our friend Mr Anderson) "is a thrown up sugar estate. The principal buildings are quite in ruins. It is now used as a 'cattle pen', and rented to tenants of whom there are a large number, And indeed the whole region is thickly peopled. And yet there is not a school or a place of worship nearer than Bath or Morant Bay, each 7 miles distant. As a consequence the whole region is uneducated & uninstructed in things pertaining to their eternal interests. The peasants are left to all the vice and lust & ignorance of the days of slavery. And the children not having the restraints of their fathers, and constantly learning new lessons, become greater profligates in crime, and more degraded by ignorance. In looking over this vast field we were led to enquire can there no help be found for these masses, that are dying without any real knowledge of the way of salvation by Jesus X? Several persons with whom we spoke expressed a strong desire for missionaries and teachers to come among them.)

Mr Anderson offered us the use of the old house (which could be easily made a comfortable dwelling) and 100 acres of land for three years, with an abun

dance of Cocoanut & bad fruit trees; or which is better the use of the house & 12 acres of land for 21 years for one shilling per acre."

The other place that I wish to bring to your notice is in the parish of Portland, about 30 miles from the above mentioned one. My journal of it is as follows. "We arrived at Golden Vale on friday the 18th of Apr at 4 o'clock P.M.; saw a few of the people that evening to whom we made known our design of preaching there on the sabbath. During that evening and the next day we conversed with several persons respecting the destitution of this region, which from their account we found to be extreme. With the exception of the services of the Established Church at Moretown (which are but illy adapted to such a people as this) a settlement of Maroons four miles distant; there is no preaching from the foot of the Cunha Cunha mountains to Port Antonio, a distance of 16 miles. Nor is there a school for the children through the whole distance! — The whole region is growing up wild; — the natural tendency of every community left without instruction. Tho many of the people nominally belong to either the Established or Wesleyan Churches of Port Antonio. But that place is from 6 to 8 miles from their homes; and a large river (the largest in the Island) between them & their place of worship. Hence they scarcely pretend to go to church except on communion sabbaths; which as a general thing is just enough to keep them in the direst delusions. They are allowed to go to the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, while at home they are living in the deepest lust, and the most shameful profligacy! And yet of all this the minister and church know little or nothing.

As intimated above we had said to a few persons we [illegible] that on the [illegible] there would be preaching at the Estate "Great house." But we were surprised on sabbath morning to find a congregation of about 150. We preached to a very attentive congregation from the words. "This is a faithful saying &

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& worthy of all acceptation &c. (4) At the close of the service having stated to the people that our object in coming thus was to see their condition & to learn about their destitution and wants; we requested them to to state to us whether they desired schools & religious instructions. Several of them arose & stated in the warmest terms their desire for schools for their children & religious instruction for themselves. The expression of many of them was, "We well need of a station & school here." This place is a central one, about which there is a large population living in gross darkness, & vile superstitions. As an illustration of this, one fact will suffice.

There is a class of native baptists with an old man for their leader, who can neither read or spell the simplest word. He is their only religious teacher. It is the custom of these people to fast 2 days in the week & thus unfit themselves for any labors on those days. And 2 nights in the week they sit up and sing all night. During the 3 nights we were there they held two singing meetings so near us that we heard them at almost all hours of the night. At these meetings numbers of the women are in the habit of having what they call the "convina;" which consists in falling on the ground, rolling over & tossing their arms, and shrieking out dismal cries. The congregation the mean while encouraged, raise still louder their voices in singing!

Such is the religious worship of these deluded people. It would seem that they had not yet attained the idea that their religion was to affect their daily lives — to make them better men. For many of these my people live unrebuked in fornication & in the indulgence of every other passion to which their lusts would incline them.

While spending these few days among this people we were often led to exclaim "what shall be done for this degraded and needy people?" To all intents they are as needy as the heathen of China. And then the missionary from the States can come from the and preach the gospel to these without learning a new language. In his own tongue may he declare the wonderful works of God."

The Andersons feels so much interest in the establishment of a station there that he offers to give us the use of the buildings, rent-free, and also of running what crops we please on the premises & grounds to raise provisions on. [illegible]

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This is indeed a very liberal offer for it includes all the buildings we shall need. There is first the dwelling house which is abundantly large & in good repair. And then there is another stone building two stories high, the 2d story of which will make a chapel that will seat 250 persons. It is now all in one room and only needs to be seated. There is already a flight of stone stairs on the outside of the building leading to the second story. Hence you see God has not only prepared the field & opened the door to it; but has also provided for our reception a home to live in and a chapel to preach the gospel in!

We have not given the people any decisive encouragement to think that a station would be established there, and yet we told them we hoped something could be done for them. This was of course as much as we felt at liberty to do until we should hear from you. We have however left another appointment for the first Sab of June.

It is the desire of Mr Anderson that I should be the one to go to that field, which we are willing to do if it is thought best by the Committee. It would undoubtedly be best to have some one go to a new field who has had some experience with the people of Jamaica. Bro Hall would I think be a very acceptable laborer with the people of Oberlin, while his place could be supplied in some other way. These however may be after considerations.

Another item perhaps should be mentioned, which is that Mr Anderson proposes if I will go to Golden Vale to do something towards my salary. Mr Anderson desires to have an answer immediately as he wishes to go to America soon & it is important to have this matter settled before he goes. Do write by the return of this Steamer.

Another item which I think should not be overlooked is the fact that the vicinity of Golden Vale affords the best facilities for the settlement of colored Americans of any that I have seen. The soil is good & may be purchased very cheap. And it is my opinion that as far as practicable, emigrants from America should be located where they may have religious & educational privileges.

I have not time to write more at present, except to say if possible write by the return of this steamer & inform me what answer to give Mr Anderson. I think if it must be decided before he goes to the State ~~to~~ he had better pressure on your willingness to extend the mission here.

It might not be amiss for me to say that Mr Newhall who now has charge of a station among the Scottish Presbyterians, would like to come back among us again

Dear all well. Kind regards to all.

In Christian love

Yours

A. D. Olds

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Abstract of Letter from Bro. Olds.

Recently visited at the request of a friend two properties one in "St Thomas in the East", the other in Portland the two most easterly parishes in the Island. For description of Middleton — first property visited — see second page of letter.

Mr Anderson (owner + friend above alluded to) offered us "a comfortable dwelling + 100 acres of land for 3 years, or house + 12 acres of land for 21 years, for one shilling per acre."

Next place visited, Golden Vale 30 miles distant from Mid. "This region is very destitute."

"Tho many of the people nominally belong to either the Established or Wesleyan Churches of Port Antonio a place 7 miles distant with river between. The members scarcely pretend to attend church except on communion Sabbaths + live in the darkest vast."

Arrived on Friday — gave notice that there would be preaching on the following Sabbath.

At appointed hour met a congregation of 150 who listened with deep interest. After service asked them if they would like schools + religious instr.

Several arose + expressed in the warmest terms their desire for the same. Place a central one with a population in gross darkness. Much deluded in their ideas of religion. Mr Anderson offers us the buildings rent-free — pasturage + grounds for

provisions also free. For description of buildings &c see 5th page. Mr Anderson desires that I should go to Golden Vale & proposes if I do to pay a part of my salary. This locality favorable for Colored Americans.

Rev. A. D. Blake.
Oberlin Ohio Feb 27/57

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Kingston May 1st 1851

Wm Harned

Dear sir

I send by Mrs Hamilton our usual package of Letters and papers. you will please hereafter direct your packages to Barrett Carvalho & Co. but the settlement of all a/cs now existing between you and me direct to A Barrett I think you have some cash in your hands for me, if so. I wish you would purchase at Jones & White in Broadway 1/2 an ounce of Gold Foil and send it by first opportunity. there is no news of importance with us, Kind regards to all friends.

Very truly yours

A Barrett

a. Barrett

5/1/57

A.M.E.A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1884
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Elist Station
May 11th 1871

Rev Geo. Whipple
My dear brother.

I have just returned from Bramid, as it was my day to be there. I held but one service with them, as it was very desirable that I should be at home at a Church Meeting in the P.M. when this question was to come up.- "Does the church consider it sinful for any member of the church, either to sell or drink intoxicating drink." This principle we have always acted on, but the church had never before met to get each others minds, or pass a formal vote.

The church were nearly unanimous in saying that it was evil - The occasion of the question coming up now, was that a prominent member of the church and one of the Deacons withal, has consented to sell liquor, for an other person, - His case is likely to excite the church considerable, though they are decided in all such cases. The church have taken a decided stand

I might here say that 14. persons now stand propounded to be received to Church fellowship, next Lords day. At the communion previous 8. were received - which makes 22, in all - There are some 6 or 8. more that have applied, for church fellowship; but for particular reason they were deferred for the present - others are inquiring -

One of my designs in writing is to continue some account of matters at Bramid. - At the last time I addressed you Dr Hyde and Mr Evarts had gone to St Ann's (Parish) - In about a week they returned and soon after Mr Evarts with Robert, his oldest boy - took the buggy and went out and were gone more than four weeks. at length they returned, spent a few days and last week Dr H. & Mr E. went again and as yet they have not returned. (17th They have not returned)

They have procured a school - as though they would defend themselves and maintain the premises - Dr Hyde threatened to cut Mr Lacky (one of the trustees) into 7 pieces - It is surmised that Dr Hyde beats Mrs Hyde as he would a child - Also it is reported that she desires to return to her friends in U.S. -

Monday 12th I have to day sent to Brainard by authority of Bro Wolcott, to get the copying press, ink &c which has not as yet been delivered up. - And in reply I received in pencil marks from Mrs Evarts & suppose the following "The articles requested are in Dr Hyde's possession & he is not at home. As property of the Association they will be retained until accounts with the Association are settled."

I suppose reference is made to the fact that Bro Wolcott did not settle with them, for they utterly refused to give receipts &c. -

They say moreover the Society are still bound to pay them as they are doing the work for which they are sent - Wh is the will of God.

The amount due them was some where about 40. or 50 dollars I believe -

I suppose Bro. Wolcott has told you how he was met when he went to settle with them & take their receipts &c. They are seeking somewhere to go but find it very difficult to obtain a place. And out of compassion to them, or the children, we shall allow them to stay at B. till Bro. Richardson arrives, if they persist in so doing (as) he shall not proceed against them by legal process. - The people have become more quiet, having the removal of Mr Evarts & Dr Hyde from B. to us, and so as before said shall do nothing till Bro R. reaches the plan. Mr Cambell, our teacher, just told me that Mrs Evarts' children were talking about their mother going back to live with their father. This is a report among the children. It is possible to be true so. - It is to be hoped that they will come to their right mind again - It is our daily prayer that they may -

My present convictions are respecting Dr Hyde are that he is a self willed ambitious, religious demagogue. - A prime mover of seditions - disturber of the peace & purity of families. Corrupter of public morals - possessing a degree of duplicity and cunning deceit as scarcely to be equaled, in short. I regard him a very wicked (religious) man (as under the cloak of religion)

I hope some better things of Mrs Evarts. I regard him as deluded by Dr Hyde - His great sin may be in throwing away reason, and giving himself up to Dr H. to be led by him & not by truth. Mrs Hyde I regard in

nearly the same light as Mr. Evarts. – Mrs. Evarts I am at a loss what to say of her – I do not think she has abandoned herself to a life of infamy, but through her simplicity and naturally confiding and yielding state she has been deluded and will, nigh, if not quite eternally ruined. Her character as a virtuous woman or the wife of one husband can no longer be said to be hers. A stain – a deep, dark & foul stain is indelibly stamped upon her character. No place, circumstances or time will ever efface it. She may be forgiven both by God & man but certainly not restored to her former standing in Society. How can she be?

These remarks are all gratuitous perhaps, and I close and hasten to say something about our people.

The box of bedding, clothing &c. was opened at Elis on the 25th of April. It found all in good order – not even damp – We found the invoice to be correct but ~~with~~ less the article of quilts – 18. was the number in the invoice and 16. in the box. – The only trouble we had was that there was not enough quilts. – the next day all were gone and Mrs. Thompson said that she could dispose of four times as many. Some were given away and some were sold and the avails kept for distribution among the poor & needy. – The night of the opening of the box – We had the pleasure of presenting one of the quilts to a poor sick man, who was suffering much from fever and ague. next day supplied several poor – For a particular account of the distribution of the box see Mrs T. note to Mrs. Whipple –

We want you to send to us not less than 4. or 5. dozen quilts. – Many of the people are desirous of getting these comforts, yet are unable to make them, and our wives or rather the Sisters of the Mission, do not find time enough ~~they~~ to devote to this branch of useful labor.

We must then get them from home, for the people or they go without. We prefer to send for them though it costs some trouble

I wish therefore you would send at least the above number, the design of which will be to supply all who may desire in & out of the mission

I say send them to me as I assume the responsibility of them. I will pay what you have to pay for them and run the risk of the sale him, and sustain all loss or gain —

If they should be a donation and designed for gratuitous distribution as the present box. — then you can send them to whom you choose among us. — I am ready to assume the responsibility of purchase & sale so confident am I that there is a demand now for such things. — I will put on a separate piece of paper all that I send for, either for myself or others. —

Clothing, can be used profitably and benevolently and should you have on hand a large supply a good size box might be sent to the Mission, — the quilts I send for on my own responsibility. I have told the rest of brethren my purpose and they agree in the plan and have spoken already for some of the quilts for their people. —

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But I must not spend more time on this matter as I have several other subjects to touch upon. —

Several weeks ago bro. Old and myself made a tour through all the Parishes in Surry Co. he went in company with W. M. Anderson formally a wine merchant in Kingston. he has charge of several Estates in St Thomas in the East and Portland. — In journeying while we were delighted with the wonders of nature. seeing things both new & strange. we did not fail to make observation as to the moral condition of the people. Inquiring very particularly into the religious and educational privileges of the people in the particular regions where we passed. We drove as far as Morant Bay. where we left the carriage and mounting our beasts we started for Bath ~~Leaving~~ situated on the Plantain garden River at the foot of the Cunha. Cunha Mountains. (pronounced. Koonoo. Koonoo) Before reaching this we passed through a region very destitute, there not being a place of worship within 8 or 10. miles Mr Anderson owns an old sugar estate (not now cultivated) he offered us 100. acres & use of a Cocoa nut-walk and an old house for 3 years if we

desired to open a station there. Or he would give us as much land as we desired for 21. Years at 1/ per acre.

Such offers or any number of them would not form sufficient basis to the recommending of the establishing of a station for what would avail land & houses, if there were no people to whom we could preach, or if the people were well supplied — There is however in this locality a wide field for missionary effort. Leaving Thence we passed on till we came to Plantation garden River which we decided crossing it is going 3 or 4 miles, 21. times. (When we speak of crossing rivers we mean fording them. We have no bridges except in two instances.) We arrived at Bath, just at sunset. — In the morning we took a view of the place. — visiting the hot Spring about a mile distant from the village — and the botanic garden — The Spring is in a most delightful situation. There are three bathing rooms where you can have water at any temperature you may choose. At the fountain the water is hot enough to boil an egg. A good size stream of cold water runs close by, forming one of the most delightful situations for a water cure establishment I ever saw or heard of. — Here can be had, of any quantity, cold water and hot. The village is one of the most beautiful places I have seen in Jamaica — Ga I have no where seen its equal — There is only one thing that opperates against it, which is the dampness of the place. — Both the Spring & Gardens are kept up at Public expense and are free of course to all. —

In the Morning (Good Friday) we started for Golden Vale in Portland, where we intended to stop & to spend the Sabbath. We soon began to ascend the Mountains. — The general range is called the blue Mountains. We passed however that part called the Cunha Cunha's. Off to the right lies the John Crow Mountains covered with Myriads of Crows or turkey buzzards. We ascended some 6 or 8 Miles, when we immediately began to descend nearly equal distance — Along in the Range of these Mountains is a tract of land entirely uninhabited. For nearly 12. miles we saw not

a human being or any signs of any. and yet the land was rich virgin soil. capable of sustaining a dense population - It is Government land and can be had for a penny an acre, and the expense of the patent which I believe is about £ 10. 00. - We passed by Moor town, a Maroon settlement a place you can see on the map. this brought us in about 10 Miles of Golden vale. At Moor town we found no school and only one church the church of England - At about 4 O.C. we arrived at the vale which is situated on the River Grande - a Majistic beautiful stream.

Saturday Morning we began to survey the place. Making some inquiries when the people attended worship &c &c and without gave notice that there would be divine service held there on the Sabbath. - The place lies at the foot of the blue mountains. though several miles off - the river Grande flowing on the one hand and the huge mountains, enveloped in clouds, on the other, presenting to the view of a spectator (and especially a stranger) a scenery truly majistick and awful - Under these mountains, or on the hills and villages that lay along the base of these mountains we settled thousands or at least many hundred of inhabitants and many of them with no religious instruction whatever - Neither have they schools -

When we asked if they would desire religious and educational privileges established among them. they were all anxious but said they were not able, &c We spent the Sabbath, talking with many of them that we saw, visiting among them as much as possible - and on Tuesday we left for home or Elim, a distance of at best 45. Miles - The question was seriously mooted by us about recommending the Establishing of a station there. If on our second visit which will be the first Sab. of June we find things as inviting or encouraging as before we shall doubtless strongly recommend the opening of a new station there. Bro. Olds has already written concerning it but first what he has said I do not know. Bro. Bolcott & Olds will be likely to visit the place in June. - Much will depend on their report. in settling the question of fully recommending to the Soc the opening a new station.

Rev. L. Thompson

~~Elizabethtown~~
Eliot Station
May 11th 1851. W. I.

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Lord of the harvest that he wd send forth (not spoilers) laborers into his harvest — In this prayr. shall we not be joined? many? — Continue to pray for us

One year ago now. and we were as laborers, & more in number than what we now are. — Had it been that they had died — and died with the whole gospel armour on. — we should have no such sad reflections such as we now have — for we could have then said "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" &c. but now we have to mourn and lament this dreadful fall: — well may he "That thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" Who would have thought of such things one year ago. —

By the way. Permit me (for now it occurs to me) to say that your not visiting us last fall — nor this spring — bro. Richardson's long delay in not arriving, has greatly added to the conviction in their minds that they are of God. Your being sick was the hand of God to stop you from coming — and they say God will not allow an other minister to come to Bearwind — God will not allow any one to turn them out of the house & premises. — They even defy us to try it. or rather the people to try it — They may yet find that God will allow men to do what they choose. We do hope however that bro Richardson will be here soon and that he is the right sort of a man.

I now close. — I have made a long talk — perhaps have said things I had better not. but now do not see it —

I do not suppose I can send this letter under a week and may add something before it goes

Remember us kindly to all the Ex Com.

Yours in Christ

L. Thompson

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May 22d

Since writing what I have about matters at B. I have learned that Mrs Foster and I suppose the company. — are very sanguine that we all must follow him — Gracious! she hears of any one getting married in the "good old way" — Mrs Hyde says that she is in the condition of ~~Sarah~~ Agar while Mrs Foster is the Sarah — She regards Dr Hyde only as a friend or rather brother. Mrs E. told Mr Cambell one time that she might go back & live with Mr Foster again — &c &c You see the position of things —

The field is wide and so far as we can now see much good may be done there. — The people are poor. — they get but little money, there being but little cultivation carried on in that region. — Most of the expense will have to come from the Society for the first at least.

The people are ignorant and many of them grossly superstitious. They have but few correct ideas of the nature of true religion, or of the work of a Missionary. — I asked one man what he considered a Missionary should do? He replied. "Collect money for the heathen" — When they see a Missionary they expect he is after their money — ~~[illegible]~~ no higher views are entertained of him or his work. The contrast between the people in that part of Portland and our own people, is very great. I felt as though I was among an enlightened people when compared with the people over there. So much the more need of Missionary effort among them. — Should a Station be opened Br. Thos. Bro. Ola would be a suitable person to be stationed there — rather than a stranger or at least some one who has become somewhat acquainted with the habits & ways of the people. So far as I now see, I would recommend to the Ex. Com. the serious consideration of the subject, not of course to act, till you get our full conviction of the duty to establish a Station among them — if the men & means can be had. — Mr. Anderson, who has made some liberal offers of land &c. is very desirous that we should settle the question of our establishing a station there, before he goes to Minnesota, which is about the middle of this month. I do not see how we can. For one, I am not fully satisfied that it is ~~[illegible]~~ wise to do so, tho. the prospects are fair — we must of course wait for further investigation & development, & act. hastily in a matter that will involve so much. — yea we do not any of us mean thus to act.

The matter of establishing a station in St. Dorothy has not yet been settled; neither have we visited the place. — As the man died, and a new Attorney ~~[illegible]~~ had not been appointed, at the time we received your communication we could do nothing. — That Attorney is now appointed and we shall speedily make inquiry into the matter, ~~and~~ report. It will not be at all surprising to us, and perhaps not to you, if several new stations should be recommended to be opened within one year. Will the Churches at home provide men & means? We do pray the

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Oberlin Jam May 13 1851

Dear bro Whipple

Yours of the 9th of Apr came to hand on the 4th inst, and was perused in the pleasure. Since the date of your last I have written you respecting a new field of labor. Bro Thompson was to have written by the Steamer that is now soon expected; but he has not yet sent along his letter and my impression is that the Steamer is now expected sooner than he is aware of. And that his letter will be too late. If we establish a station then we shall not

probably on that account require more labourers from America. As there are some here whom we should probably recommend.

Bro Kenning is I think getting his eyes well open to the position of things at Brainerd. It is now many weeks since he left B. being persuaded that Mess. Evarts & Hyde were pursuing an inquisitorial course. And since getting away from their influence he is becoming himself again. He is a good man & a useful labourer when he is really himself. It perhaps was not so strange that he was led away as he was, for he is naturally easily influenced. And then he had almost unbounded confidence in Mr Evarts. And then again their mode of attack was such as would greatly bewilder & puzzle the most persons. And especially a nervous person, and one whose conscience on account of his nervousness was perhaps morbidly sensitive. Suffice it to say, my hopes are now strong that Bro B. will again be a useful man.

I state this as an item of intelligence that I am sure you will delight to hear.

I might say here that he spent the last sat with us & addressed the people in P.M. & gave

some account of his present & foreign state of mind. His remarks were listened to with much interest by us all.

We hope to hear soon respecting Golden Bale. And I doubt not if your means will allow there are other stations that should be looked after.

But for the present I must say Adieu

A. D. Olds

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Rev. Geo. Whipple

Rev. A. D. Olds
Oberlin
Ohio
May 13th /61.

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Mico Institution
Kingston, Jamaica
13th May 1857

My Dear Brother

Your kind, faithful & brotherly letter of April 9th came duly to hand, & having considered carefully its contents I now attempt a reply.

In the first place permit me to thank you for your attention to my business matters, and I shall be glad to attend to your instructions so as to make you and the Treasurer as little trouble as possible. I will therefore transact business through brother Wolcott as desired. Had I seen brother W. since the receipt of your letter I would have obtained a receipt for the amount paid to Jono and by this Str., as the money was paid to one of the brethren sometime since in anticipation of your accepting the order.

I am very sorry, my dear Brother, that I have been the occasion of so much perplexity to you and any other friends of the Mission in Jam. I do not wish to justify myself wherein I have been wrong nor would I condemn another without cause. In the first place, there was every reason for my upholding those brethren — particularly Bro. Evants, till there was positive proof of wrong. I think you will agree with me that his character for veracity was

beyond suspicion.

After my first letter to you ~~from~~ concerning Dr. Hyde I had an interview with him, and he denied positively having made statements to Mr. Campbell that warranted the conclusions to which he came, and Mr. Evarts told me that it was the result of prejudice on the part of Mr. C. & that Dr. Hyde held no such opinions. This it was that led me to think that I had been hasty in the matter & inflicted an injury upon them. I also saw a number of the people and conversed with them, & could not avoid the conviction that God was at work among them by His Spirit. Hence my second letter to you.

When I heard of the batting I was certainly very much shocked, but Dr. Hyde gave me to understand that Miss Hunt followed him, against his will & went into the river where he & his wife were batting. Said he did not approve of it, & represented that Miss Hunt had followed him in his visits &c. at different places, when he had done what he could to keep out of the way. Everything alleged against him by the brethren was disposed of in a similar manner, Mr. Evarts testified to the same. The letters which you say were sent to America were written as the result of their own statements, & they knew it, & their treachery is very apparent in the use made of those letters which they knew — though I did not, were drawn from me by base falsehood on their part.

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Such was the fair face they put upon everything that I did think they were persecuted for righteousness sake, & thought seriously of writing you again, preferring to appear inconsistent myself, to allowing a wrong to be inflicted on the innocent. They told me moreover, that you had taken no notice of their representations, but had received the statements from others as truth. I was strengthened in the opinion that you were too ready to listen to statements against them, from the published statement in the "A. M." involving Mr. & Mrs. Evarts in immorality. I could not think, that you had sufficient proof to warrant so public an exposure, and I have yet to learn that at that time, any body had such proof. Recent events may be proof of then existing tendencies, but not of the fact.

I could not but keep in mind cases of persecution & ex parte views entertained by other bodies, to the great injury of some good men, with whom you most deeply sympathize, — but these men you had seen, & heard their own statements, and I could not, under the circumstances, but believe that had you seen Dr. H. & Mr. E. you would view the matter in a different light. I can only pray if my letters or actions have tended in any way to injure your influence at home or with those whom we once esteemed as brethren I am sorry for it, — To you it will have been a trial — to them a just reward of their falsity,

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for which they must answer.

I never adopted the opinion that a man was right because he was sincere. I thought I was right because I acted on hitherto unimpeachable testimony.

I must confess that you have had too much reason to charge me with 'instability of character', as things would naturally appear to you. I can however, say, in truth, that neither my principles or practice have been changed, and I have sustained the parties in question only because I thought they held the truth as believed by us all. I knew they did not have regular family worship, & thought this an error, but was assured this was not adopted as a theory, but from such views of the evils of their hearts as led them to feel their unfitness to engage in any public duties, & supposed in time it & other duties of a like nature would be resumed. Subsequent to the expected intention of writing, I began to entertain fears that I had been deceived, & thought it best to wait till I was fully satisfied before I said anything more. You know my present views, & there is no sympathy, whatever, with Mr. Evarts & Dr. H. - I cannot expect of them the honesty to state this fact, as they have made use of what was in their favor. I now look upon the whole matter as a deep laid scheme of cruelty & delusion - & characterized by falsehood & hypocrisy of an ordinary degree. Whether Dr. Hyde or the Devil is most to blame, I will not venture to say.

I agree with you that Mr. Richardson will not have a very enviable field to enter upon but trust if he is a judicious & really good man he will win his way & succeed in calming the troubled waters. There are other matters that I would like to write about, but for the present must close.

Mrs. B. with myself, relents your kind remembrances and it is our happiness to inform you that on the 4th inst. we were favored with the arrival of a welcome son. Mrs. B. & baby are doing well.

Eden Burns Stiles
Esq. Portsmouth

Oberlin May 24/51

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother

The Rev. S. Oughton contemplating a visit to America will bear to you this note. We take great pleasure in introducing him, as the Baptist Minister of Ilkington, to your acquaintance & to that of our friends generally in America; confident that you will find him altogether worthy of his high position and of your highest respects & attentions.

In much love Yours

Seth T. Walcott

A. D. Olds

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Rev. A. D. Oles
Jamaica May 14/51

Rev Mr Creighton.

YMCA ARCHIVES
YMCA Toronto

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May 26th 1857.

My Dear Brother

My letter was too late for the Str. and has been detained till this time. It was a pleasure to receive Bro. Richardson & family safe & sound on Sat. Evening last, after a passage of 18 days. They were by the mistake of the Capt. driven upon the reefs off Hayti, but a kind Providence favored them & they were extricated in a few hours from a most perilous situation. Bro. R. preached at the Independent Chapel on Sabbath, and was listened to with great attention. I am much pleased with him & trust he will prove a valuable acquisition to the Mission. He wished me to say that he had not time to write by this opportunity. He & family have just left for Oberlin with Bro. Olds who came down yesterday, as if to meet them. Dr. H. & Mr. Evarts still occupy the premises at Brainerd, but I hope when Mr. R. really appears at the Station they will retire quietly. Great forbearance has been exercised by the brethren & the people have been kept quiet through their influence. You would

scarcely believe, if I could tell you, what laughts they have run. My heart bleeds for the poor children. Do use your influence with their friends to have them removed. Mr. Hall & the brethren with myself are willing to do what we can if provision can be made for them in the U.S.

Did not the Str., just arrived leave immediately I should touch upon other topics but will try to write more at leisure for the next opp'y. I am happy to say that we are all in comfortable health still.

Yours affly

S. V. Beardsley

Mrs. S. O. Beardsley
Mico Institution
Hampton Sand
May 13th/57.

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Hermitage May 27/51

Rev G Whipple
Dear Brother

I received yours of April 9th about the 1st inst. My last to you was Apr. 17 —

I suppose it has answered your inquiries about appropriations — If not let me refer you to Bro. Harned's summary of expenses at the mission.

I have spent so much time about report of apes to Bro. Harned that I have not been able to look over my file of letters to find the resolutions which have been passed by the Com. for appropriations I think that the fund amt voted by you, previous to the present year, was never drawn for.

I intimated in my last a prospect of finding it desirable to establish a station in Portland parish, at the east end of the island. bros C. & T. speak very flatteringly of it — Tomorrow Bro. C & myself start for that place to take some farther observations — If it were not for this I should make out & transmit by this opportunity my quarterly report to Mr. Tappan. I must now delay till my return If we should decide to establish a station out east we should also decide, probably, to send Bro. Olds to it. Bro. New hall is ready to take bro. Olds' place at Oberlin if desired — bro Olds prefers that bro. Hall take his place — How does it strike you? —

What think you of receiving bro. Newhall again, not as teacher, but as minister into our mission? he desires to return. We are anxiously looking for bro. Richardson, and we feel almost certain that the steamer due this week will bring him. I would delay writing till after its arrival were I not to be absent, and if I had not a matter of great importance to communicate to you at once — I have long been looking forward to the time when I should have occasion to write you in respect to a plan which I considered long since, and which lies near my heart, for improving the condition of the people in my immediate vicinity — That time has suddenly & somewhat unexpectedly arrived. The plan, in general, is simply this — to purchase a property at a very low rate & sell it in small farms to the people — I believe the plan is practicable, & quite safe — If I possessed the capital I would not hesitate a moment. Williamsfield Estate is advertised for sale, and if not sold soon at private sale is to go to public vendue. I have just returned from Yingston having been there to make inquiries. The Estate is offered for One thousand pounds, but can be had for something less — It contains 1850 acres with house & out houses — coffee mill & sugar works with good water power all in very good repair — It is advantageously located, lying between Ibernitage & Chesterfield

The buildings were new or thoroughly repaired five years ago, & must have cost $2000.00 - The cane-mill is quite new; and has not ground perhaps five barrels of sugar since it was put up. It cost fifty pounds - i.e. simply the cast iron rollers & frame. I dont know but this would be considered movable property, and not sold with the estate - A small distillery has lately been added, but it has done nothing as yet. Any kind of machinery could easily be added or attached, if at any time desirable - Valuable cabinet & other woods abound - Some twenty persons are now renting provision grounds on it from one to four acres each at $5. per acre per annum. Such is the common price; but it is oppression such as [illegible] all stimulus to industry.

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The people are very anxious to obtain the possession of these lands, & I am confident would buy them up rapidly - The locality is one of the most healthful on the island. During the ravages of cholera, not one was attacked here. It would be an inviting locality for a colony of colored people from America - emigrating here; about which there is beginning to be some talk among us, & I suppose also with you - You will probably be able to consult W. W. Anderson Esq. soon on this matter as he is about to visit America, and will make it a point to see you. He has charge of another property adjoining - "Massa-Bill"

The question with me is how to obtain possession of these lands. Can you help me. I suppose you would not do it as a business of the Afr. - If I had some "rich Uncle," and benevolent I would make a draft on him for, say a loan of $4000 - or if necessary $5000 - for five years - and without interest if possible for two years - The loan to be repaid as fast as the sale of the lands would allow - From one to two thousand dollars would be realised from sales the first year, At the rent-paying rate the people could make themselves owners of the land in three years, if some good man would give them the opportunity. Who would reasonably doubt that they would do it? - One young man of our church has rented the same two acres for seven years, & has paid for it $70 - does he not deserve to be its owner - he can be only its renter This is but one example of what most of our people are obliged to do but I have no "rich Uncle" - Who will become such, & allow me to draw on him for the sum needed to make the purchase when the land shall be sold? -

The brethren in the mission if called on would concur with me in the opinion that the Ex. Com. would be perfectly safe in being security for repayment of said loan & would aid in doing a truly benevolent work - Please consider this matter well - Let me hear from you at the earliest possible date - I ask your counsel - your advice. I cant tell you how much I desire to help our people to become owners of their lands —

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One other item of business I wish to suggest for you to consider – The Mission schools – greater prosperity in them is desirable –

A large number of children do not attend them. Some are not able to pay school fee, & some are not willing, & as they are not able to manage their children, & set them at work they are allowed to run at large, growing up in ignorance, idleness & every sort of vice. – How shall we bring these children under our influence? I have been thinking some of late whether our schools might not be made entirely free – say instead of 3¢ a week as now required for school fee, the Mission (including the churches) form a "Voluntary School association" auxiliary to a like association among the Friends, who have aided us, in England

Our schools then to be supported as far as possible by voluntary contributions from members of the association, aided by the parent association, & to make up deficiencies ask for donations from you – What think you? I have hinted my thoughts to one or two persons, & shall lay the matter in some shape before the mission soon –

Not time to write more – In much love Yours

P.S. Please say to bro. Harned that since sending my a/cs for him to town I have seen bro. Olds. & learned that items bot for him I am to charge him on salary – But how is it yet with items to bro. Evarts? Dont expect me to collect bills sent me on a/c of Evarts or Hyde – They pretend to claim the payment

of their salaries on the ground that they are more than ever doing the work to which they were appointed, yet at the same time wonder how we can receive from such a corrupt society ---

I have never obtained the copying press, (I have the books) but am made to understand that I can have it when a/cs are settled with the Asst. --- I infer that I could probably get other things on the same condition.

J. J. Wolcott

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W. J.
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Providence
June 4th/61. R. I.

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Providence
June 4th 1851.

Revd George Whipple
Dear Bro.

I hope I shall not weary you by my continual coming (writing) A few days ago I sent you a long letter giving account of Matters at Brainerd &c — When that letter was written, bro Richardson had not come — but before it left Kingston he had arrived though I did not know it.

Bro. R. seems to be about the man for Brainerd. I went with him on his first visit to B. last Sabbath (Jun 1.). The people were delighted to see him.. Some of the old people clung to him as to an old and tried friend. We can but hope his coming may be a great blessing to that people

He preached from the Text "By whom shall Jacob arise &c." very appropriate — people pleased with him — A meeting of Church called. Next Tuesday the 10th inst to choose him pastor, when, he will come, by that act in possession of the Mission House & premises, according to the deed of trust —

Mr Everts still occupies the House. After bro R. is appointed Pastor he will give orders to have the Mission House vacated at a specified time. At the expiration of that time we all shall expect he will leave quietly, — and if we had Everts alone to deal with, he would; but when we know that Mr Everts is a sore child and can say and do nothing only as Dr Hyde bids him, we fear he will refuse to to leave. Should he still continue to be obstinate and utterly refuse to leave the premises. We shall be obliged to enter a process of law.

Bro. Richardson went to see Mr Everts to deliver the letters & papers. The doors were all barred & Mr E. put his hand out of the window to receive them. He asked if he could come in. they said yes. if no one else

was admitted. Promising that no one should enter, the door was barred. His interview was short. –

Next week will be a trying time (Ext.) They feel as though matters were coming into close quarters, and we are told by some, that they intend to leave. They are selling some of their beasts but just what Dr Hyde will think best to do none can tell. He is the main spring of all action there.

The hope that any of them, will recover from the snare of the Devil, is becoming more and more faint. – We did hope for a while that Mr Evarts would; but he has hedged himself in, by repeatedly swearing allegiance to Dr Hyde – We do not entirely despair – But I leave this matter for the present, and speak of one or two other things

The watches came safely to hand but no invoice or any thing by which I could get a clue to the prices. This is of some importance – tell you but one know immediately. They were not well regulated. – I was obliged to pay $2.00 to get them running – This $ought should be deducted from the price.

Now see the date of my letter to be from Roveden – We all met here to day to ordain and install bro. Hall – We had a very profitable meeting. It was opened by singing & prayer. Sermon by bro. Wolcott Text. Act 17.÷2. Ordaining prayer by bro. Olds. also the charge to. – Right hand of fellowship by bro. Richardson The charge to the people in connection with his installation I was requested to give. – After the meeting closed. we entered into conversation respecting a suggestion of bro Beardslee. W^ch for some one to commence missionary operations in Kingston, among the very poor & out cast. it do not.

attend any place of worship) In other words. To preach the Gospel to the poor. The suggestion was a good one if we could carry it out. — Bro. Bowden will I suppose say something to you about the thousands in Kingston who do not hear the Gospel preached to them. They do not hear the Gospel preached to them because they do not attend church. They do not attend church because they cannot be well clad ~~[illegible]~~. All who attend church must be well clothed, is a general rule in Kingston. — this class therefore hear not the word preached to them. We shall all be glad to know whether we can be encouraged to carry into effect any well matured plan respecting it. —

Again — Bro. F. W. Whelan an Independent Minister is soon going to US. with whom you could consult respecting the matter. He will call on you. as he has letters of introduction

I wish just to say a few words about him — Some of the Baptist have given letters of introduction to the Revd. Mr Crighton Baptist minister of Kingston who also visits US. yet ~~[illegible]~~ we would make a difference — Bro. Whelan has always from the first stood by and defended our Mission, in — to say the least, dark days. He has ever opened his pulpit — house and heart to welcome us — this is more than we can say of any other minister in Kingston — Further more bro Whelan is a true temperance man — He has none of the vile & injurious practices of many other ministers, tippling, smoking &c

He is one of our sort of folks — We all love him much — and do cordially recommend him

He would be likely to favor any plan to have the gospel preached to the very poor of Kingston. He goes to US for his health.

I now close. We shall soon make out our Annual reports when I shall give a full account of the state of things at this

I remain Yours affly L. Thompson —

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1894
FISK UNIV.

Providence June 4 1851

Dear Brother Whipple

Bros. Thompson & Wolcott are both here this morning. In the name of Bro Wolcott I request you to order "The Independent" to be sent to each of us. Bro Olds wrote for it by the last Steamer. If you shall have ordered it for him when you receive this, it may be well to order ours from the same date, from which you ordered his

I think Bro Richardson wishes to take it. He is at Oberlin & if he wishes it he will inform you by this.
(Bro R. has already ordered the Independent)

Our names are put upon the Oberlin Evangelist & the Advocate at the offices of those papers, & every one gets them regularly. But the Tribune & the Amer. Missionary come just as it happens. I suppose they would consider it to be too much to put our names upon "The Independent" & the Tribune & send them to your office also. Let me ask a question. Cannot they put our names upon those papers. (Independent & Tribune) at their offices as though they were to mail them to single subscribers, (for we are single subscribers) & instead of putting them into the Post Office, lay them aside to be called for. And would it not be the least trouble for you to send a boy to those offices, on the day on which the Steamers leave, and get all the back numbers with our names already on each one of them. Bro Thompson says he ordered the Tribune, ~~eight~~ several months ago but still it does not come. The articles sent by Dr Graham are received.

Yours Affectionately & truly
A B Hall

H. B. Hall
Providence
R. I.

✓ June 4th 1851.

Rev George Whipple

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1893
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage June 6/51

Rev. G. Whipple

My Dear Brother

I have just returned from Kingston from whence I had intended to have written you, altho I had but lately written. But business prevented. I shall not be able to get this off by present steamer, but will pen what I have to say & get it ready for the next. I am in receipt of yours per last steamer, & of papers by Bro. Richardson. I like your plan for schools - but think it only to a limited extent practicable. I believe you apprehend the kind of teachers we need pretty correctly. We do seem to need better qualifications than will sometimes answer in America. Our hopes of getting efficient native help seem as yet to meet only with disappointment. It is not likely that our teacher at Eliot will continue long successful. Of him we had very high hopes. There is indolence, inefficiency, want of adaptation of means to ends, which so far as facts go with us seem to prove a constitutional defect in the nature of Blacks. They can be very good helps when directed immediately by the intelligence of white men; but can they ever become competent master workmen? I would not be sceptical; but it is hard to oppose facts ---

Our trip to Port Antonio was prevented by heavy rains it is postponed to the 18 inst. Mission met at Providence on the 3d. Bro. Hall was Ordained, & installed pastor

I am interested in reading the Independent Extra, the account of the anniversaries, particularly the Speech of Dr. Cox on behalf of Colonization The man seems mad. One would think he ought not only to be Doctor, but also to be dowered with a pair of long ears. I believe in Colonization, but of a little different sort from that of such men. Colonize whites as well as blacks and I go for it. By the way, W. W. Anderson Esq. has published a little book, partly on behalf of Colonization in Jamaica by fugitives & other colored persons of America. (In New York printed by Sword & Stanford) In this book, page 9th he says, "Jamaica & the other islands of the British West Indies, are destined to be the proper homes of the civilized colored races". "That social equality for them & their children can never be achieved in America. Prejudice, and not reason or religion, rules the question there; the contest therefore is hopeless." Now if so, then of course Colonize to Jamaica. But I am not quite so certain; the case is not altogether hopeless. You can judge of such matters as well as I. Again "Color is no bar to the highest offices or stations in the British West Indies, nor to

free intercourse in the social circle" Now tho this be true, it so happens that few, very few colored men can attain to high "Offices or Stations" or to any considerable degree of respectability among the whites, or anything like "free intercourse in the social circle." Tho there is not that amount of prejudice against color that prevails in America, there is a prejudice none the less potent for evil not only for the black but also for the white man, prejudice against labor. Here, not the black man, but the laborer is fit only for the kennel. The terms labor and respect are antipodes in Jamaica. The treatment of the laborer is such as the very Slave of Amer. would not bear. I am happy to say however that there are beginning to be some worthy exceptions. Mr. Anderson will probably soon be with you & you will no doubt be edified by what he will have to say - He is among the best writers of the island. Rev. Oughton & Wheeler you will have seen before you get this, I expect. Br. Daughtry Superintendent of the Penitentiary intends going to America about Aug. He is a man of the highest respectability, & interested in the improvement of the country. I very agreeably spent two nights with him this week -

I am quite in favor of fugitives from slavery emigrating to Jamaica. I am confident it would be better for them, much better than Canada - but I am not in favor of a general ~~[illegible]~~ emigration of the free blacks who have a comfortable home where they are. Some might come here to profit. but many would be sadly

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disappointed. With industry, economy and perseverance men may do well here, & indeed in almost any country, but Jamaica even is not, nor can be the garden of the Lord till made such by human toil. Let no man come here till he is prepared to meet & surmount obstacles, if he would become wealthy or comfortable. The soil is good - the climate delightful - the social system very far from what is desirable. - I feel an increasing anxiety to secure Williamsfield for the people, and should you take an active part in recommending fugitives & others to this country, this opportunity of locating some of them should by no means be lost. Bros. Webb & Thompson fully agree with me. Perhaps they may write you on the subject. Freehold, for the people is the great desideratum, - we can hope for but comparatively little prosperity on the tenant system, or on the division of capital & labor system. There is a very marked difference already between the freeholder & other classes in favor of the former. -

A Mr. Hutchinson, brown man with a family of eleven has lately arrived in Kingston from Charleston S.C. He says many other free persons of color are about to come if he finds things favorable for them. He meets with a cordial reception. - A plan is being discussed of establishing under your protection a city Missionary in Kingston. It may be presented to you particularly before you get this. Some of us will visit St. Dorothy in person soon - We have not obtained any satisfactory information as yet. A new Attorney to Mr. Hannaford's estate, we hear has been appointed - ~~that~~ I must close - With kind regards to all I remain affectionately yours

Seth S. Wolcott

Rev. S. S. Wolcott
Hartford
Conn. Oct. 14. 1.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1896
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Oberlin Station. Jam. June 6th 1851

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Dear Brother. You have probably learned ere this, of our safe arrival on this Island. I feel thankful that I have the privilege of addressing you from missionary ground, altho' not from the precise scene of my anticipated labors. I should have written on my first arrival, but I had little to communicate, save first impressions, & the fact that God had rescued us from the perils of the deep, & brought us here in safety. And even now, after having been here about two weeks, I have little to write respecting our prospects, that will be definite or satisfactory. I spent last Sabbath at Brainerd - preached in the Chapel, to a large & very attentive congregation, who seemed overjoyed to see me. After service an opportunity was given them to exchange salutations with their new minister, & offer him their congratulations. A scene ensued, which awakened emotions such as may not be described but which he who feels can never forget. All classes, from the gray-haired men & women, bowed with the weight & infirmities of many years, down to the children of 4 or 5 years, came forward to grasp me by the hand, & assure me of a cordial welcome. When I saw their smiles & tears of joy, & heard them exclaim, "Glad to see you, minister - God bless you, minister! I hope you do us good, minister!" &c. &c. - I felt amply repaid, for any sacrifices I had made & for all the perils I had encountered. I only prayed, that I might have the grace & strength requisite to make me eminently useful among them. I called on the families at the Brainerd house, after meeting. Had but a few moments to spare, as I was obliged to ride to Elim

that night, as there is no place, save the mission house, where I can be made comfortable even for a night. I did not deem it wise or proper, under those circumstances, to introduce a subject, which I knew must lead to a long & unpleasant discussion. Nor did they seem disposed to make conversation. Br Evarts treated me kindly, but said little. Dr Hyde was as cold & distant as possible. He did not speak to me, from the time I was introduced to him until I took my leave. I consider him a hopeless case - perfectly reckless & desperate. A meeting of the Trustees, Church & Congregation is to be held next Tuesday, to elect a Pastor, & decide upon a proper course of action for the future. They will act under the direction of legal counsel, & take decisive measures to obtain possession as soon as possible. I shall visit the house again the first convenient opportunity, & leave no means untried, to induce them to pursue a different course, or at least to vacate the premises peaceably. But I must confess, that facts have come to light, since I came here so perfectly outrageous & astounding, that I have little hope of being able to influence them for good. They have discarded reason, Revelation & common decency; & what hope can there be of such? Hear to truth & argument, they will not, so that there is little we can do, save to pray for them. Dr Hyde has recently beaten his lawful wife, & holds illicit intercourse with Mrs Evarts, in broad daylight, before the family, & with his doors wide open! It is too horrible to be believed, but nevertheless true, as we have it from undoubted sources. Well, the Lord reigns, tho' the Devil rages, & his triumphing will be short. Don't infer, from what I have written, that I am disappointed or discouraged, in reference to my field of labor. By no means! The state of the people, is much more hopeful than I had anticipated. These very developments, have helped to open the eyes of those that were blinded, & set them right. If those Beth-must fall, it were better, that they should sin before all, that others may see & fear. Our mission, with this unhappy

exception - is fast gaining the approval & confidence of the most intelligent people in the Island - In proof of this, I enclose you a short article, which I cut from the "Colonial Standard" of May 20th. It bears hard upon the curacy, & with good reason I believe, for the mass of the poor people are left wholly uncared for - their shepherds feed themselves & not the flock - But the question of Reform, in church & state, is beginning to be extensively agitated, & we may hope, a brighter day is about to dawn in this dark & woe stricken Island - I have seen no cause, as yet, to regret our coming here. Altho' we miss many of the comforts & blessings enjoyed in our native land, yet we find the Savior, a present help & precious comfort. At present, we are all suffering somewhat, from debility & a derangement of the digestive organs - the former caused by seasickness & change of climate the latter by change of diet, & want of a permanent home & regular habits. The rainy season is just drawing to a close - It has rained nearly every day since our arrival - I think the climate in the mountains here, must be delightful - The scenery is wild, picturesque & beautiful beyond anything I have ever beheld - Tropical fruits, plants & flowers, & other productions, abound in great variety. But I must close, as a horse has just arrived to convey me to Eliot, whither a part of my family went last evening. I intended to have given you some idea of our voyage. Can only say, it rather tedious, & not without its perils. Altho' the weather was very pleasant, yet the winds were light, & our progress slow. We found the sea "unstable as water" & the wind, just as fickle & uncertain a dependence, as it has always had the reputation of being. The first night after we made land, (May 26th) we went ashore on the northern coast of St. Domingo, near Monte Cristi, & the vessel struck the rocks at 10 o'clock, while going at the rate of 8 miles an hour. For awhile all were given up as lost. The Capt. was deceived by the darkness of night, & had missed his way. For a long, terrible hour we lay dashing against the rocks, not knowing

but that the next blow might break the ship in pieces, & plunge us to a watery grave - Eternity seemed very near! We knelt in our little cabin, beside our sleeping babes, & commended them & us, to the guardian care of the Shepherd of Israel, conscious that without His interposition we must perish - We arose strengthened & composed, & calmly awaited the issue - Fortunately the night was calm, & about 12 o'clock, the moon arose & shed a friendly light over our hitherto sad & darkened prospects - We were surrounded with rocks, sandbanks & breakers - But after almost incredible exertions, two anchors were carried into a narrow channel, & the ship hauled off, where she could lie without coming in contact with the rocks - The next day she was with great difficulty got out to sea again, having lost her false keel, one of her anchors & being otherwise damaged. Truly, God is a present help in trouble! Much credit is due to the Capt & crew, for their promptness, steadiness & indefatigable exertions - Never did brave tars, work with better cheer or to a better purpose - Not a word of repining or complaint was heard thro' that long night of toil & danger - Their hearty "Yo, heave O!" rang out clear & strong over the water, & was heard above the roar of the breakers, the rattling of the rigging & the thumping of the ship on the rocks - We had a very pleasant Capt & a remarkably steady faithful crew - I was seasick nearly the whole time & became very much reduced - Mrs R - was sick only two or three days & children suffered but very little - Made first-rate sailors! Was glad to receive a few lines from you last week - thank you for your kind expressions of interest & sympathy - Hope to hear from often - Will get Br Richardson's likenesses taken as soon as convenient. Please send me those Certificates of ministerial char & standing, if you have found them - Remember to Br Stanford, Br Rapper & the other members of the Ex-Committee - I will write you more definitely when we get settled - You will perceive that this is written in great haste, & make the necessary corrections

Your Brother in the Gospel A. W. Richardson

Rev A. W. Richardson
Dunn Chuchill
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1897
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Miles Institution
Kingston Jamaica W. I.
June 13th 1861

My Dear Bro. Whipple

I take by the forelock the only remaining time left me to send you a few lines. I had expected to be allowed till tomorrow, that being the time announced for the sailing of the "Brother Jonathan". But here she is upon us today and off in an hour or two. I am disappointed in another particular. I thought my dear Bro. the Revd F. W. Wheler would have been the bearer of it, but he has decided to go by the "Glamorgan" first Cienfuegos, and thence to the U.S. as the "Jonathan" is so crowded with passengers. He leaves this evening and I have been improving my time to the best advantage in preparing various documents for his benefit. Bro. W. is our pastor — a Mission of the L. M. S. He has been in Kingston for three years, previously as pastor of the church at Shortwood, where our dear Bro. Ingraham began & finished his Mission labors. Bro. W. is more a man after our own heart than almost any Englishman I have met with, and has been a warm friend of the Amer. Brethren at present. Such is the general estimation of the plan. Bro. Wheler will be able to give more satisfactory information as to the wants of the City and the prospect of usefulness, than I can do in a letter. If you think it worth while to entertain the plan I shall be happy to give you any information you require as soon as date, if you will send me your queries. I think the expense would be $1000. for an to sustain a Mission in such a way as I think is necessary.

Yours faithfully
M. Saunders

He is a thorough Tee totaller - has written a prize Essay on the subject since he has been in the country, the competitors being in Eng. He is a great lover of Finney & of the truth wherever he sees it. He is compelled to take a change for his health which has been very poor for some months. Our cause is a small one here - the people are poor but we have tried to raise something towards his expenses, & hope with the kindness he will receive from Christian friends in America, he will be able to visit a good deal of the country - that is of N. Eng. New York & west as far as Oberlin, which he intends to visit - Phila & Washington, and to obtain the ultimate end - the restoration of his health. The Revd Mr. Oughton sailed a day or two since in the Crescent City & will doubtless see you on this arrival. Mr. O. is a very popular man here - a man of good powers of mind, and of pretty extensive information & I dare say will make himself very agreeable.

I am left as sort of sub-pastor during Bro. W's absence though I hope our pulpit will be mostly supplied by Independent Brethren from other Stations.

I am sorry to say that the Cholera has made its appearance again in our neighborhood - at the Camp

about a mile and a half from the Centre of the Town. It has been chiefly confined to a detachment of soldiers lately arrived and, is now abating - 19 having died. We hope it is not destined to spread through the City, but are daily hearing of its revisiting parts from which it had retired, & entering families that have till recently escaped.

I was at Brainerd on the 10th inst. to assist in the Election & Settlement of Bro. Richardson. He received a perfectly unanimous call from the Church, 101 giving their votes. They seem very much pleased with him & heartily glad to have one to whom they can look as their pastor again. Dr. Hyde & Mr. Evarts & their poor distracted families are still there. They were notified that Mr. R. was Elected & would require the premises immediately. They were limited to the 16th inst. at which time they were notified that possession would be taken. It is not unlikely they will await the issue, & will probably be carried out by force. They are perfectly infatuated. W. W. Anderson Esqr. will go up and be present with the Trustees on the day that possession will be taken. I cannot leave my work again to do so, nor do I see any necessity for doing so. There seems to be a united State of feeling now among the people, and the grossness of the conduct of the deluded ones

has been such as to leave them without an adherent.

I believe the brethren have written you on a point which has been sometime before my mind in relation to opening a field of Missionary labor — or rather occupying one white & ready to the harvest in this city. The necessity of it has long been pressing, but such is the state of things here that it has seemed wholly impracticable to undertake the work as it is ordinarily done in other Cities. There is not union enough among the different denominations to sustain a Missionary — In the second place the Spirit, the principles, & practices of many are such as no right minded man could subject himself to in the way of control. Hence an independent man is required — sustained by foreign aid, and amenable to nobody but God & his patrons. Such a man, of the right Spirit, furnished with a tent which could be planted in various parts of the City — where he should confine his labors for a season might do incalculable good. He should not have anything to do with church organization, but encourage the people to go to other places & attach themselves where they might choose when the tent should be removed to another locality. I think such an enterprize would receive much collateral aid from ministers here & the Missionary would have put into his hands Bibles & tracts & other means of doing good. I have not time or space to enlarge

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Rev. J. O. Beardsley
Livingston Jan
Jan 13/57

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Dear Brother Whipple

I have written so short a letter to Mr Harned that I think it will need company & I will send you a few lines though I do not know what I can say to interest you. If you would like to hear my story myself the task will be easy, for it is the first advice given to a young compositor, to write about that of which he knows most. I have just related to a friend the most interesting events in my journey, but you have heard enough. We are still on the voyage of life. I have now time for retrospection of late, & will be a favorable one for looking back. You will excuse me then for beginning one chapter farther back in my history, than you have heard. In the year 1820 I embarked on a ship which had written upon it on all sides, Ignorance Superstition, & Religion. In the I sailed 15 years, when it was wrecked & I was picked up & boarded the "Old Ship of Zion". The rules & customs of the latter differed much from the former, & so strong was the power of habit that it took full years to put away the old & adopt the new. At that time I was [illegible] to think that I might be something more than a passenger. These five years was so taken up in learning the winds &c before I could tell my whereabouts. "The bible is my chart & by it the seas I know".

For nearly four years past you have known something about my sailing or to leave the ship & go ashore. You have known something about my life, thoughts & feelings, but it has been very little. But I shall not have time to speak more of the past, to suffice to say I look back with a thankful heart on all God's leadings & dealings with me. Truly mercy & goodness hath followed me all my days

[illegible] by which God has prepared me
his service. If I meet the poor I have been & am poor.
wanderer without a home, an orphan. I have been
same. etc. am ignorant & without the means of obt
knowledge, I have been as ignorant as they. Are any
God & the gospel, I have been. Do any suffer hunger
have been hungry & had no bread to eat. The
them are my people. It is only for them that I wi
live & labor I would give bread to the hungry,
to the ignorant, & the gospel to the sinner. Th
in love is restoring me to health. but what is b
me I know not. I only pray God to fit me for
work I desire that the prayer recorded in Ep
-21 may be accomplished in me & in all the
I have just read it over carefully to see if I c
comprehend the depth of its meaning. That we might
strengthened with might by his Spirit. How much? accor
to the riches of his glory. How great is that! th
me, tells that he is able to do above all that
ask or think, yes exceedingly abundantly above
Thus my thoughts run. I see my page is almost fill
I must check my thoughts & attend to other duties.
quite well, but have refused to teach this summer
I might be the better prepared to go to Jamai
the fall or spring if wanted. Did you send
silk & parcel to Mrs Beardslee. I feel a little
ety about it. When shall I hear from my adopted c
the land of my choice. Pardon if you can this ill
scrall & believe me as ever your unworthy sister Mary
Dear Sister Mary Hill, Ohio

AMISTAD RESEARCH CENTER
NO. FI-1899
FISK UNIV.

Kingston June 13th 1851

Mr Wm Harned

Dear sir

I have sent to your care a small package and a box for the Revend Mr Oughton. Mr O goes by the Crescent City and has letters to Mr Whipple. I send these things by the Brother Johnathan as the Crescent City sailed first and these things though of much importance were left behind and his family requested me to forward them to him, so I have sent them to your care I am very unwell to day last night was one of the worst nights I ever spent in my life, I came very near having cholera and in fact cholera could be no worse. I think I owe my life to the skill and promptness of Dr Taylor. I hope you are well. kind regards to all our friends

very truly yours

A Barnett

pleas send on board for the things

Mr. Barrett
6/13/57
about package for
Mr. Oughton.

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Rev Geo. Whipple
61 John St. New York City

Dear Bro. Whipple

My Dear Brother Andrews a missy of the L. M. S. is obliged to leave hurriedly for a change of climate on account of the feeble state of his health. He hopes to visit New York City. Should you meet with him receive him as a brother in Christ, and please do what you can to make his brief sojourn pleasant. His means are limited, Should he require a small amount to aid him in

his return & wish an advance I am sure you will be ready to do the needful & let it be paid over here. You may give him five dollars on my account.

I intend to write you more at length, shortly.

Yours affly

D T Beardslee

Miss Institution

Kingston, Jamaica

Mar. 14th 1857

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J. O. Beardsle
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Nov 14th 1871.

Receipt.

Received, New York, June 13. 1851, of Rev. George Whipple, One Hundred Dollars, to be accounted for to Rev. Julius C. Beardslee, Kingston, Jamaica, in accordance with Mr. B.'s note to Mr. Whipple, of March 14. 1851.

$100.00

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Josiah Andrews
June 13th 1851

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1903
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Station
June 17th 1871

Revd George Whipple

My dear Bro.

I believe, in my last letter I gave the state of Brainerd affairs up to the 10th inst. When a meeting was called to formally choose Bro Richardson as pastor. The day was fair and about 11 O'C. all were assembled quietly in the Chapel. Revd Jno White horn, prepared papers, properly drawn up — Mr White horn, was long. After bro. R. was chosen, and the premises were put into his hands, he then gave the people at the mission house till the 17th to quietly vacate it. — Formal documents to this effect were sent them, — Mr Evarts says, or Dr Hyde for him, God has given them possession and they will not leave till he (God) bids them. This we were prepared to hear from him. The meeting closed and we all retired anxiously waiting the arrival of the 17th. The 17th came, when Bro. Richardson, Bds & myself again met at B. — At the meeting on the 10th Bro Bardsley & Hall, were with us — On the 17th they were not. Bro. Holcott was unable to attend at all, though not sick, —

The great inquiry was how shall bro. Richardson or rather the trustees get possession of the house without violence. Many plans were devised. The doors were all bolted and had been for weeks. How can we get in, without forcing open the doors or windows? This we must decide as the law forbids it.

The morning came — and quite early some of the people were there. Mr Evarts at dawn went out to milk, and when he desired to go back was prevented, besides so many were there if he attempted to enter some of the people would most surely enter with him. He therefore retired to one of the neighbors, who has sympathy with them. (and the only one)

Somehow the back door was opened, and some few entered. Word was immediately sent to the trustees, who went in to an open door. One important step had been gained, viz. possession of the house. The next thing was how shall its present occupants be removed. We did not like to put hands on to any of them for this would be force. And besides Dr Hyde had said he would not ~~leave~~ go out except carried —

We waited awhile — consulted, and in our hearts prayed that God would remove the stumbling blocks — While thus engaged Dr Hyde, desirous of seeing Mr Evarts semewhat, in supposing, left the house, when he also was forbidden to enter again — Thus the men were out, and not to return — The women and children were still left. — We all then returned to the house from the chapel, and Mr McGregor, a Magistrate, gave Mrs Evarts and Mrs Hyde some good advice — stating that they ought to have been away long ago &c. About 3 P.M. we all left — for Eliot, Bro Olds (being on his way to Portland with Bro Wolcott to consider further the question of recommending the establishment of a Mission station, there) came with us to Eliot. Before we left Honolulu Mr McGregor, Olds & Richardson called on Hyde & Evarts, — but to no purpose —

That night Dr Hyde & Evarts left for Spanish Town, or Kingston, fifteen to seek redress for having been shut out of house & home. We do not think they will enter any process of law. — No court is going to favor them. — We have avoided going to law, (at least by the advice of our Council) as it would take so long and cost so much.

The house has been pretty well filled night & day since Tuesday. Of course some noise & singing. There has been nothing like a riot or mob, tho. Dr Hyde says that it is mob force &c

This morning (Thursday) Mrs Evarts & Hyde, with most of the children went out to milk &c (Hyde & Evarts having not returned) and the doors were shut against them, also. Thus the house has been entirely emptied with no force — Their effects are still there. Bro Richardson who with his family

on with us has gone over there to day to give directions to have all their things put into a room in the High school below till called for by the owners. Tomorrow D.V. I shall go over to B. to help him.—

It seems hard to turn out, or rather to shut out two families from all their things so suddenly. But to my mind it is just. They have had timely warning of what would be done. They in their boldness have declared that God would not suffer them to be molested. By this time, they will think that God will let men do about as they choose. When they will go we cannot tell. One thing is pretty certain they will not be permitted to enter Brewing house again. Bro R. thinks of moving his family there next week.— These are trying things! to have to deal in this manner with those we have labored with so long & so happily yet when men make themselves fools—they must take the fool portion.—

They call it all religious persecution and glory in it— Their glory is their shame— and I hope they may live to see it.—

When I return from B. I will give further particulars

21st In consequence of the rain yesterday I did not go to Brewing. but bro R. has returned. and says that the things are being removed out of the rooms and that by Tuesday they will move into the house. Mrs Hyde told bro. Richardson that she did not know as either of the men would return to Brewing again. Mr Evarts might, but not likely that Dr Hyde would.— The women say they are anything to sell their things. and yet a week ago they had nothing to sell. The spirit moves quick when men move. They have coveted to be shut out.— They say that "Zion had not where to lay her head." Londonstown (Evarts & Hyde) they have gone to Kingston to get a place to live.— They are not inclined to separate. Mr Evarts having now taken Mrs Hyde for his wife or rather mistress— and Dr Hyde keeping Mrs Evarts. the ties of nature are too strong, by their children to be easily sundered.— They all look as though they would soon go to their graves. The hope that Mr Evarts or Mrs Hyde can be reached by any of us is now blasted. For Dr Hyde & Mrs Evarts, we have long ceased to hope.— We can only pray for them. The only labor we can do is to "let them alone."

I close my journal of Beaumont affairs. As soon as Bro Richardson gets comfortably settled he will give you all needful information. Yours faithfully L. Thompson

P.S. A fortnight ago we were all very dangerously poisoned in taking our dinner some poisonous substance was in our soup. In about an hour after we had dined we began to vomit, which followed and more or less for several days. My wife suffered very much. Bro Richardson was with us and shared the same fate. All who partook of the soup were made sick, come to the old cat & kittens. We have now pretty much all recovered. We regard it as a very narrow escape.

Monday eve. Bro R. moved his family to Beaumont. All was quiet and they are now fearing that their prayers are answered in taking quiet possession. There has been nothing like the trouble in getting possession that we all anticipated knowing the obstacles.

We regard our trials at B. as pretty much closed. "Praise the Lord"

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Rev. L. Thompson
Chief-Office
Dear Sir
Allowance of Freedmen of Beaumont

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NO. FI-1903
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Rev. G. Whipple

Brainerd Station. June-July 25th 1851

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Dear Brother- I suppose you will think it time, to receive some report from me, of the state of affairs at this station- I have been counting to have the fog & storm clear away, that I might take a reckoning, & give you our latitude & longitude, with tolerable exactness- Well, the clouds are not all dispersed, but they have passed overhead, & are gradually sinking down, & disappearing in the distant horizon- To drop the figure- I am strong in the faith that "there's a good time a coming"- I believe God has some better things in store for this people, after having caused them to pass thro' Nebuchadnezzar's furnace- They may not escape a singeing, but I trust they will be saved, "yet so as by fire"- I have now been preaching here, nearly 3 months- But I have lived here, only about two, & in the meantime have been busily occupied in getting up our goods, & putting things to rights indoors & out- Of course, I have had but little time to visit, & could only get acquainted with the people, as they called on us, or I met them in church meetings & on the Sabbath- We have held church meetings nearly every week, & some of them have been quite interesting- I have also appointed two Inquiry meetings, by request, at 6 o'clock on Monday Evening- From 20 to 30 attended them, several of whom, seemed greatly burdened on account of their sins, & were anxiously inquiring, what they must do to be saved- Some of the church, have given up their old hopes, & others are freely confessing their sins & returning to duty- Still the mass of the church, are greatly in the dark, & wandering far from God- One individual has been suspended ~~for sympathizing with~~

~~Mr. Evarts in his views & justifying his course~~ - others are under process of discipline & will probably have to be dealt with, in a similar manner - We find it necessary to proceed with ~~considerable exercise~~ great forbearance & caution - The seeds of error, have taken deep root in many minds here, & it will require long & faithful labor to eradicate them - Some, who were accounted among the most spiritually-minded in the church, have been infected with the poison. ~~Mr. Evarts & Dr Hyde, have moved their families about 15 miles from here, & rented a small house, on the road to Spanishtown. What their plans or intentions for the future may be, I know not. There is a strong feeling of indignation aroused against them, wherever their conduct is known - I doubt whether Dr Hyde can long remain on the Island, with safety, unless he changes his course.~~ Our congregations on the Sabbath, are usually large, & the number in attendance is steadily increasing. The Sabbath-School, which had been reduced to a mere handful, is now filling up again, & becoming quite interesting. The distribution of Papers & Tracts to such as could read, & the promise of Books for a Library, has given new life & interest, to Teachers & pupils - The present number in attendance (including a Bible-class of adults, taught by Mrs. Richardson) is about 100 - There are more than that number, however, who are growing up in vice & ignorance about us, & whom we hope to gather in ere long - There are great destitutions all over the Island, & urgent requests are continually coming in, to us, to establish new stations, in Districts more or less remote, from our present fields of labor - Of some of these you are already informed - But what shall we do? Most of the brethren, if not all, have their hands full of work, & work that must be done or the stations abandoned - Shall we scatter, divide our labors & weaken our strength? or will the Society send out additional laborers to enter

these new & inviting fields? Unless we can have help, I think we had better keep the ground, already broken, under tolerable cultivation, rather than break new ground — I know it is hard, to turn a deaf ear to pressing calls for the Gospel, & refuse to enter an open door — But we want & must have, more men, if we would prosecute, successfully the work of evangelizing Jamaica — There is a fine opening at Golden Vale (Portland) — But — I confess, I feel quite reluctant to have Br Alds leave Oberlin & go there — He is doing a great & good work, where he is now — He has acquired an extensive influence, beyond the bounds of his Congregation, & his people are very much attached to him, & will be almost heart-broken, if he leaves — If he can do more good at Portland, than a fresh hand — so he can in his present field — State as he & the other Bretn, think it best that he should leave, I acquiesce But I always regret to see the relations between a minister & people, sundered except for weighty & all sufficient reasons — Speaking of the need of additional labourers, I would say further, that we are very anxious to obtain two Teachers, (a male & female) for the school at Mt Patience They have a drunken fellow teaching there now, by mere sufferance, & the Trustees have requested me to write home for two good teachers — Please let us know, as soon as you ascertain, if you can send out any Missionaries or Teachers, this fall; as we wish to send for some assistance by them — How is it, that we have not rec^d any numbers of the Am. Missionary since we came! Will good Brother Shamed attend to that? Please put me down as a permanent subscriber, & send me the "Back Nos" for June & July! Please order the "Oberlin Evangelist" also, & have it charged to my acct — I understood you, (in a letter written in answer to some inquiries on that subject) that the above paper together with the Water-cure Journal, & one or two others, would be furnished us, gratis, by the Soc — It seems I was mistaken —

Our fellow-passenger, Dr. Taylor, called on us, & spent the night, this week. ~~He has been stopping with Dr. Bassett~~ since he came. He has been duly registered, as a member of the College of Physicians in Kingston, & had several fine offers to locate. Thinks now of going to Port Maria, only a few miles north of us. He has won the confidence & esteem of all who have become acquainted ~~with him. By the way~~, I learned from him, that it cost the Capt. of our vessel, nearly 300 Dolls to repair the damages occasioned by our running on the rocks. He said that 8 or 10 feet of the hull was so stove in, that he could jam his fist thro' the bottom of the vessel, & that nothing but the ballast, kept out the water. It would seem as if ~~nothing but~~ a miracle of mercy kept us from being buried in a watery grave together.

The goods that we packed at Lenox & in New York, mostly came safe. Our cooking stove, (or rather a part of the frame) was thrown from the mules back, in coming from Oberlin, & the two upright side pieces, broken in 3 or 4 places. I think the boy must have been careless. At first we thot it spoiled & mourned greatly. But Br Thompson & myself have patched it up, & put it together so that it bids fair to do first rate. The goods have been very bad, & it has cost me a great deal, to get my goods up from Brown.

The climate here on the mountains, is delightful. A fine sea breeze thro' the day, & the night cool & comfortable. We have never enjoyed better health as a family, than at present. Our children are much more hearty, & are growing faster, than they were before we left home. The danger from a change of climate, to families coming from the United States here, I consider very trifling, if proper care is taken.

Please present my christian regards to Br Hamed, Br Rippon, & other members of the Committee. We have received no letters as yet from our friends. Hope if any come into Br Hearnes hands, he will get them under way as soon as possible. Most R. joins me in christian salutations to yourself & family. Your Brother in the Gospel. A. McKeicherson

Rev. J. Leslie

Kingston. June 26th 1837 —

Bro Whipple.

You see by the date of this that I am in Kingston. Br. Olds & self came down yesterday on business. — I add a word to what I have said respecting the brethren going to Portland They have returned, and report very favorably respecting the field as a Mission Station. We have a meeting of the Mission here two weeks from yesterday at our place to consider the report of the brethren to Portland also the report of the brethren to St. Dorothy. After this meeting you will hear officially later. My impressions are that we shall recommend the establishment of a Mission at Portland. and Bro. Olds is fulfilling it his duty to go. there.. There are serious difficulties to the course and very great advantages to be gained by it — just what we shall think best to recommend Olds and Knox

We of course shall need help — More about this at another time —

Your &c

L. T.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1905
FISK UNIV.

Kingston June 29th 1854

My Dear Sir

Your favor of May 28th came to hand yesterday per English Packet. The Empire City is in to day ~~today~~ and is to go out in one hour, I put on board a package to your address which you will pleas send for I have received no package from you by the Empire City, what is the reason. I shal not be in N.Y. untill August or September next

yours in hast

A Barnett

call on Mrs Young for the above I mentioned package I have given it to her for fee of the male agent. So ask no one but her for it.

a. Barrett
6/29/51

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-1906
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Oberlin Jamaica July 2d 1851

Revd Geo Whipple

My respected father

I received yours of the 9th ult last evening; when I had just finished a letter to bro Hamed, in which I said a few words to you with an apology for not writing more fully. My difficulty is now somewhat removed but still enough remains to make my writing sufficiently painful.

You say "Mr L. Tappan saw a gentleman from Jam a few days since who informed him that you were about to change your location" I of course do not know who your informant was; yet I think with a few "guesses" I could speak his name. I suppose him to be a young gentleman for whom I entertain a high regard. In saying what he did, he doubtless said no more than many persons would do under the circumstances. He gave as decision what was only talked of as possible or perhaps as probable. It may not perhaps be amiss for me to say that to us it seems very important that new fields should be explored by those who have had some experience with the people here. While a new comer can retain our old congregations & move on as he would with a congregation at home. There is a vast difference between any of our congregations & the people of Golden Vale. Altho the attachment between the people of Oberlin & ourselves is very strong as we have good reason to believe yet another, bro (Hall for example) could take my place & in a short time every thing would proceed as tho I were here

There seem to be some reasons (which I suppose Br Cooley has mentioned) why I should be the one to go to Golden Balls. The Gentleman who proposes to give us buildings for a dwelling & chapel, wrote me, has for some reason a decided preference that I should go there. I suppose he would not make the same offer to every one; not that I am superior to others, but from the fact that he is acquainted with me.

And besides I think that district a most inviting one for fugitives from southern (or from our sand point from northern) oppression. And I fear a stranger might not take all that interest in the matter which he ought to do.

I have said that what "a gentleman" said to me happen as decided was only talked of as probable. We know very well that such questions are to be carried before the ~~ex~~ com for decision. And it was not in our hearts to rebel against the powers that be. Nor would such a change be productive in our opinion the cause of Christ & the interests of humanity would be promoted by it. And with such convictions we could not do less.

It matters little ~~where we expend our labors if only~~ the greatest good is secured. In any change that may be contemplated would hardly be the gains so far as ease or pleasantness is concerned. As things now are at this station we regard it as decidedly the most pleasant one in the Mission. And be assured we shall not desire to have it unless it shall appear to be duty.

May we all be guided by heavenly wisdom in respect to this & all other matters.

Please present our christian regards to the brethren in the office.

Yours truly

A. D. Olds.

Rev A. D. Olds
Lemuel
July 2d/57

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NO. FI-1907
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Eliot July 9th 1851

Rev. G. Whipple

My Dear Brother

A special meeting of the Mission has this day been held at Eliot — All the brethren present. I have now to give you the results. Our meeting was principally to consult & determine on the expediency of establishing new Stations — the manner of doing it &c. —

We passed the following resolutions

1st Resolved, That it is not expedient at present to establish a Station in the parish of St. Dorothy.

2d Resolved, That in view of a request from Th. W. Anderson Esq that we establish a Station on a property of his in Port Royal mountains, Brth. Olds & Thompson be appointed a committee to visit the place, and ascertain & report prospects —

3d Resolved That we recommend to the Executive Committee of the A. M. A. the opening a Station on Golden-Vale Estate in the parish of Portland.

4th Resolved, That we recommend to the Committee the appointment of Bro. Olds to take charge of that Station; and that Bro. Hace fill the vacancy at Oberlin (still retaining charge of Providence as an outstation) and that Mr. Harris be employed as teacher at the latter place.

I presume you have already received from myself & others some intimations of matters contained in the above. Some farther ~~explanations~~ are here in place —

Bros. Hall & Thompson were delegated to visit St Dorothy; and they report, No Opening. The whole parish is provided for by the established Church. They are of the opinion that had Mr. Hannaford been living, your letter to us would have placed him in an unpleasant position before the community. You can see the reason for our first resolution.

Jacobs

The second speaks sufficiently for itself.

Some reasons for the third have already been laid before you. I visited Portland with bro. C. on his second visit and found my expectations from former accounts more than met. 1st There is destitution of religious & school instruction — 2d Rare privileges for commencing operations at once with very little expense. Buildings for chapel & residence already provided — An apparently hearty cooperation & support from the proprietor of the estate — 3d A cordial welcome from the Rector of the parish and from other ministers. 4th The expressed wish of the people — In adopting the 4th resolution it is due to say that some of us feel some hesitation. We regret the removal of bro. Cobb. Bro. C. feels it his duty to meet the call at Portland — The opening is especially for him so far as regards the proprietor of the estate. It is the conviction of us all that the wants of Oberlin can be much more readily met by the appointment of a fresh hand there than at Portland. It is a ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

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in recommending the removal of bro. Hall, and recommend it only as the most feasible disposition of our present forces when it shall have been fully decided that bro. C go to P. I think the majority of the mission would prefer that a suitable person be sent out from America for Oberlin. Bro. Olds is the most sanguine for the resolution as it stands of any of us. The brethren expressed a general concurrence in the appointment of bro. Horatio Ward for O. if such could be made. We hear that he is ready to come to Jamaica. Bro. C. seemed to think we should want him more at some other place. The Mr. H. mentioned in this lett. is a brown young man from the Misc. in connection with the Baptists, and has been teaching with good success for two years but leaves his present place for want of adequate support. He is in the vicinity of Oberlin & well known there. — Understand me in regard to the hesitation felt. We would prefer to make no change in the disposition of our present forces. It is only because necessity is laid upon us — we cannot refuse the call to Portland. We dont see how to meet it except by the removal of bro. C. With our present means we cannot fill his place better than by bro. Hall. With our present light we could not recommend the return of bro. Newhall to our mission. The brethren wish me to inquire whether you are prepared to send out some additional laborers if new fields open for us which seems probable. We desire a speedy reply to all the above. Thurs. morn. July 10 I have read the above to the brethren & find bro. Olds fully concurs in the sentiment that it is undesirable

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to remove bro. Hall, if some one can be sent by you to fill the place of bro. Olds

We feel confident that you will see as we do in regard to bro. O. & acquiesce in his appointment for Portland

It is important that one be sent to Oberlin who is as one of us – A man who can mingle with freedom with public men – free to use hospitality – by no means a band-box man, but one willing to put his hand to any good work – and rest his dignity not on his profession but his good works

With respects to all the Committee I remain

truly Your brother

S. S. Wolcott

Rev. S. S. Wolcott
Thos. Feb. 9/57

Resolutions of the Mission

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Oberlin July 11th 1851

Rev Geo Whipple

My dear brother

You will doubtless along with this receive a letter from Bro Wolcott giving an account of a Miss meeting held at Elyria on the 9th inst. As you will perceive we passed resolutions recommending that I should go to Golden Vale. And in case I go to that field (which we think from all the facts is quite certain) Bro Hall is recommended to fill my place at Oberlin. We request Bro R. to remove Bro H. from Providence as the people are much attached to him & we think his labors there have been & are much blessed. It would be our preference, if we could have a good man to fill this place to have Bro H. occupy his present field. But this is a difficulty. On the next morning after our meeting we were speaking of the attachment of Bro Hall's people to him & the desirableness of his remaining &c. When I suggested that I had recently received a letter from Bro H. S. Ward in which he states that he was about offering himself for Brainerd when he heard that Bro R. had done the same. We all agreed that Bro R. would be an excellent brother for this place & hence made the suggestion.

Perhaps I should say that Bro Hall is willing to come here or remain at P. as it shall be thought best by the brethren & the Ex Comm.

In our resolutions of the 9th Bro Harris is recommended to go to Providence. As I am the most intimately acquainted

with Br Harris of any of the brethren it is perhaps due that I should say to you some things respecting him. For several years he has been teacher at Mt Charles (The Whitehouse formerly station). And is a graduate of the Wesl Inst. His moral character is I think unsullied. I have often heard it said of him that he is an exception to almost all the Laymen. For the last two years he has not only taught the school (the largest in this region) but he has had the labor of preaching to the people on the Sat with the exception of about 1/6 of the time when Br Mr Oughton has either preached or supplied some other. Unlike too many here he has not seemed to be lifted up by this promotion. Mr Oughton has expressed to me the utmost confidence in leaving the people of Mt Chas with Br H. As a schoolteacher he stands high. I have visited many schools since I have been in the Island & in my opinion his stand as high all things considered as any other one.

You may ask perhaps why does he leave Mt Chas? He is wholly dependent on the people for his support, & he says what they give him is not sufficient. The people then are strongly attached to him. & may make an effort to keep him. But he tells me his mind is fully made up to go. It is my opinion that we do well to secure his labors.

After more mature consideration I am not sure but Br Harris is just the man we need for Providence. Although the congregation has much increased since Br Hall went there, it is yet small & doubtless will be small: the chapel is small. And it does not appear to me after all to be making so good a disposition of our forces as might be secured. That is Br Hall might be doing more good I think. According to the plan we now propose for Harris

would preach at Providence say three sabbaths out of four when he would go to Oberlin & bro Hall go there. In that case the people at P. would have a good efficient school, which the society could hardly afford to give them if bro Hall remains there.

If however you could send a good efficient brother here it would please the people at Providence to keep bro Hall.

If you wish to write bro H. Ward his P.O. address is Strykersville Wyoming Co N.Y. I have but little doubt that new fields & important ones will soon come to our knowledge as some are already before us; and we shall need other labourers. It is my impression that there has never been a more important time to work than the present.

I have said these things respecting bro Harris & Providence that you might act with as much intelligence as possible.

Our kind regards to yourself & family.

In Christian love

Yours

A. D. Ellis

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Rev. A. D. Olds

Jamaica

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Eliot Station
July 25th 1871

Revd Geary Whipple

My dear brother.

Communication has just been sent to the Ex. Com. recommending the opening of a new station at Golden vale in the parish of Portland and that bro. Old be appointed to that field

This is to bring before you, tho. not officially, the establishing of an other station on Gordon Castle Estate in the parish of Port Royal - about 12 miles from Kingston. W. W. Anderson Esqr has lately purchased the place in company with a Mr Smith. - Mr Anderson requested us. as a Mission to open a station there. As the people in that district were quite destitute. The Mission appointed bro. Old and myself a committee to visit the place and report. We went there last Friday and although we saw but few of the people yet we learned from what they said, and what we saw, that the place was densely populated and apparently destitute of religious and Educational privileges.

We left an appointment to meet the people in that neighborhood on the Sabbath. As bro. Olds was engaged to preach for bro. Wheler. (whom no doubt you have seen ere this) I went without him, tho. accompanied by Dr Barrett. Our main object was to ascertain more definitely and satisfactorily the real wants of the people -

About 100. assembled. all of whom seemed much pleased with the idea of having religious & Educational privileges right among them

Many expressed themselves very warmly, on the subject. and greatly desired to have a chapel & school established ~~among~~ there.

When I say they are destitute. I do not mean to say that none of the

people attend planning worship for they do, but how to go to Kingstown or places far distant from their homes —

The people are mostly freeholders, and live on what is properly speaking, Gordon Castle, in what was Gordon Castle they bought their lands of the ~~late~~ proprietor of the late

I now give you an extract of what Mr Clinton on behalf proposed to do

"Mr Smith and I are willing to give up to Gerrit on a convenient spot for the Erection of any buildings connected with a Mission, and to give a title, if the mission shall be abandoned the land to revert to us. Meanwhile the mission family to have the use of my house for twelve months certain free of ~~charge~~ rent & only claiming the use of a bed room which I will furnish when I wish the place. But it is not improbable that they may have the house for a much longer time, that is, so long as my family remain away." (His family are going to the U.S.)

They offer also for the present an old coffee house for Chapel and School room — which we can occupy till we can build —

So much for the field of labor, now for the Supply. — Bro. Olds says that I should go, which accords with my own convictions of duty — providing Christ can be supplied immediately. We have not yet had a meeting of the Mission since our visit, of course the voice of all the mission I cannot now give, but have no doubt all will be agreed as to recommending the opening of a station there and probably, in my going there.

The reasons why bro. Olds should go from or stay with Oberlin people, holds good with my going to or staying here, It has its advantages, and disadvantages. A stranger can better occupy an old station than form a new one ~~and~~ and a stranger would find great difficulty in opening a new station. —

Next week bro. Olds and myself intend visiting another place where we are strongly desired to open a station. This is in St Mary's parish —

about 15 miles from Eliot on that we shall find there we do not know. – Now see the calls, to extend our mission, an inquiring and we hope faithful laborer will be found who will be ready to occupy the field as fast as the doors are opened. – We need this moment two faithful Ministers with their families to help us – and perhaps a third. If the way is prepared to open a Station in St Mary's we should certainly want the third.

Pray for us, we need heavenly wisdom –

Yours faithfully

L. Thompson

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Rev. L. Thompson
Gambier Oct. July 20/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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I wish to ask your opinion in respect to one thing. There has been much talk about taking the Children of Mr Evarts ~~[illegible]~~ from their parents and sending them to the United States.

The opinion of those acquainted with the laws, is that the Court would readily give them to us, were we to petition for them on the ground of the immorality of their parents.

It would be necessary for the matter to go before the Court of Chancery, and the cost would be considerable. Esquire Anderson thinks between $300. and $500. and I think we may say, perhaps $1000. Their expenses to the United States would be something. I suppose there are persons there that would take them were they to be sent there though I have not been assured that there are. There is some diversity of opinion respecting their being taken from their parents. Some are of the opinion that they ought by all means to be taken away.

The opinion advanced by Mr Whitehorn, and which is generally received by the brethren of the mission is something like this.

That God has established the relation that exists between the parent and the child, and that the parent has a right to train & educate his children as he sees fit without one having any right to interfere with them. For example, the Catholic has a right to educate his children as Catholics. If one abuses the right which God has given to him he is responsible, and we have not a right on that account to interfere. He admits that there is a limit in this case beyond which forbearance may not go.

The education and moral training of the children is entirely neglected. It is worse than neglected. The children are imbibing the sentiments of their parents, they know what their parents practices are and the influence upon them is terrible.

I suppose you will have heard before you receive this that Mr Evarts & Dr Hyde have left Brainerd, and of the manner in which they were ejected from the Station. They have stopped about eighteen miles from Brainerd. As far as we know they are earning nothing, and are spending in a prodigal manner what little they have, and Dr Hyde seems to have the control of that. They seem to think God will take care of them, and that it would be a dishonor to God for them not to live well. The children are truly in a deplorable condition. Can any thing be done for them?

Would the Ex Com feel that they ought to do any thing for them? or even that it would be right for them to appropriate any thing in their behalf? Had they been left orphans I suppose the Society would have felt that they were under obligation to do something for them, but that would have been a very different case even though the children are in a worse condition than though they were orphans. The condition of Dr Hyde's children is the same as that of the children of Mr Evarts.

Shall we have your opinion, and that of the Ex Com as far as it can be obtained, upon this subject?

The name of that little stranger I mentioned to you sometime since, is George Edward. He was baptized the same day his father was ordained. He grows finely. We are in usual health.

With much love. Yours truly

H. B. Hall.

P.S. Did Mr Haynes receive the little bundle of shells which we sent? If so, did he regard them worth any thing? I know that our offering was small, but we were in hopes that Mrs Evarts would send a larger collection. Do you know whether she sent any, or not?

H. B. Hall.

Rev. H. B. Hall
Jamaica, Ia.
July 25/52 No. 3 9/9/52
Report. Evarts children

Kingston 29 July 1851

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Dear Sir

you will find on board the Steam Ship Empire City a package to your address I have paid the freight.

you can send your packages to me by the usual Steamers through the Purser's if you will pre pay the freight and take a bill of lading, or sell it and send it to me in a letter. I think this will be the best way

yours truly

A Barrett

Wm Harned

a. Barrett
7/29/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Miss Institution
Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.
July 29th 1851

My Dear Brother

I send pr. "Empire City" a parcel containing a silk dress and other small articles which Mrs. Beardsley desires sent to the same dying establishment as those articles forwarded by Miss Dean. When ready, please send them to me care of Dr. Barrett with a Bill of this and the former commission. Mrs. B would be much obliged by your enclosing "The Mother's Hymn Book" with the parcel when returned.

If you have not settled my account with the N.Y. Evang. & Youth's Cabinet, please pay for the Evang. from May 30th 1850 to the end of the present year, 1 Copy; and for the Cabinet 4 Copies from March 31st 1850 to the end of this year at the rate of $3. pr. An. for the 4 Copies. I prefer having the accounts closed with the year as I shall be more likely to remember when they become due. These several items will more than exhaust the small amount in your hands ($8) for me, but when I receive your Bill, I will settle with you.

I do not know what the present Str. may

have brought, but up to the present time I have seen nothing of the "Cold water Cure Journal" which Bro. Harris informed Dr. Barrett he had sent for me. I requested that three copies should be sent to my address from the commencement of the year. I think I have observed that the new vol. commences with July, if so, and the previous numbers have not been sent, it may be as well to begin with the present Vol. I would like however the May No. 1 Copy, as I have all from Jan. except the May No. I would like also 1 Copy of "The Student" by Fowlers & Wells. Let these be included in your Bill.

The Revd Mr. Andrews has arrived, much improved in health, and well pleased with America. He has paid me $100. which he said you lent him and desired him to pay over to me. I took it for granted it was for the Mission here & placed it in Dr. Barrett's hands and sent an order to Bro. Wolcott for the amount. I have not seen or heard from Bro. W. since, so I have no receipt to send you at this time.

Bro. Olds is awaiting the sanction of the Committee to his removal to Portland. There seems to be a fine field open there and Bro. O. I think is the man for the place.

There is another promising field for another Station within 12 or 14 miles of Town, which it is thought Br. Thompson would fill. This will leave Oberlin and Eliot vacant. I was at Oberlin a week last Sabb. and preached from them, by way of exchange with Br. Olds. After service I saw a group comprising the principal portion of the male members of the church & from a few words I overheard, found they were talking about the prospective removal of their minister. I asked permission to be a listener to the conversation, which was readily granted. I asked them for a simple expression of their views of the matter.

The substance of their remarks was this—

1st Regret at the prospect of losing Mr. Olds.

2nd Entire satisfaction with the proposal, as it was to supply others more destitute, with the Gospel.

3rd A decided preference for Mr. Newhall as their future pastor - as being acquainted with him &c. It would be interesting, had I time to give you in detail what they said, but this I cannot now do. I made no suggestions whatever to them, but left them to the voluntary expression of their opinions & wishes. I learned from other sources, that the people had expressed the same as to me.

I am now going to see if the Str. has brought any news for me, and to put the parcel into the hands

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of the Clerk. If I get any thing that requires notice, I will add a few lines — otherwise I close this now

With love &c.

Yours affly

J. O. Beardslee

Revd Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman St
New York

Since writing the foregoing I have received a letter from Mrs. Goss saying that Miss or Mrs. Young will take the parcel for me. I will therefore send it to Mrs. Goss & she will attend to the dying, or send it to you. Bro. Hamed has also written Dr. Barrett about the papers. Says he will send them by Kenyon's Express, of which we know nothing. Dr. B. has made an arrangement with the Purser of the "E. C." by which parcels may be sent. —

Yours J. O. Beardslee

Rev. J. O. Beardslee
Kingston Jam.
July 29/51.

Mrs. Evangelist
N.Y. Cabinet,
Walter Colquhoun

Gordon Castle Estate. Oles July.

* A large population & very destitute of School & religious instruction: desirous of a mission

Property owned by ~~W. M. Anderson Esq.~~

W. W. Anderson Esq. will give for a year, & probably for a series of years, the use of a good dwelling rent free, for the mission family & will deed six acres on which to build.

A location of decided importance for a station.

Increased confidence in the mission

Thompson. . . . G.G.E. in the parish of Port Royal.

July 23. 1851 } Mr T. on a visit, met a Cong. of 400.

They want a mission.

The people are mostly Free holders.

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Extract from Mr Anderson. Mr Smith and I are willing to give up 6 acres on a convenient spot for the erection of any buildings connected with a mission, and to give a title. If the mission shall be abandoned the land is to revert to us. . . Meanwhile the mission ~~then~~ family to have the use of my house for 12 months certain, free of rent, I only claiming the use of a bed room which I will furnish when I wish the place. But it is not improbable that they may have the house for a much longer time, that is so long as my family remain away."

"They offer also an old coffee house ~~for~~ for chapel and school room, which we can occupy till we can build". Mrs T. is wanted for this post.

Wolcott - Sept 4, 1851.

1. "Resolved that we recommend to the Ex. Com. the opening of a new minor station, at Gordon Castle Estate, in the parish of Port-Royal.

Signed A. D. Oles, Overseer.
S. J. Wolcott - Scribe

£1 $100, for repairs, wanted.

page 3. Accommodation Mr Harris. $250

The superior the [illegible] of recommend Penning

Jam. Mulpress
Gordon Castle

Dear Bro. Harmon.

It has been suggested that ~~that~~ any inquiry be made with regard to the jars of lard that have been sent. When they arrived Dr. Hyde went to Kingston, paid the expenses & has them all in his possession; thus taking to himself what we suppose belongs to the Mission. So this as the Society expected. If the property is the property of the Mission we desire to know it.

Some of us feel that his taking the jars in the way he has he has acted the part of the dog in the manger for we suppose they were for general & not individual use - - The facts however in the case are all we claim to know. -

The things Sarah quilts &c. in a late letter to Bro. Whipple perhaps can be sent in care of Bro. Wheeler with whom you no doubt will form an acquaintance he regards him as a valuable man -

Bro Olds & myself, some time ago, ordered some india rubbers but they do not yet appear among Bro Richardson's things They may yet be found so I will say no more now. about them —

Yours faithfully L Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson

Seymour

Received July 15-1. W. L.

W.H.

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Oberlin July 1851

Revd Geo Whipple

My dear brother

Since writing my last bro Thompson & myself, as a committee of the Assn have visited Gordon Castle estate, for the purpose of ascertaining the necessities of the people as well as their wishes as to a mission station among them.

And as I suppose bro T. has stated the occasion of this fields coming to our notice, I will not, for the want of time speak of formal matters that are before my mind, but simply give my impression as to the importance of that field as a mission station.

And first there is a large population. And secondly they are very destitute, both of schools & religious instruction. And then so far as I could judge (not being there on the spot) they are really desirous of having a mission station among them. Another item worthy of notice is the fact that W. M. Anderson Esq. who has recently purchased the property, kindly offers to give for a year & probably for a series of years the use of a good dwelling, rent free, for the mission family, and also will deed to the mission six acres of land on which to build.

In short my impression is that at Gordon Castle is a location of decided importance for a station. I should like to say much, had I the time to spare, respecting the importance of enlarging our mission here. I believe there was

~~never a more important time to work in Jamaica than now~~

~~And~~ I may say still farther that there is now an especially favorable time for ~~the~~ Americans to labor here. Formerly we have been looked upon with a little distrust. Now that is not only removed but the public are peculiarly favorable to us: at least a large portion of the better class who know us. Very many good men have expressed to me their strong confidence in the course we are pursuing as being adapted to the elevation of the people. Too many I fear of the ministers of the Island content themselves with simply what they would call the religious services of the chapel without doing any thing for the general elevation of the people. We on the other hand deem it a matter of importance to do what we can, for this general advancement ~~of the people.~~

~~But I must not at present ramble on this strain.~~

~~Suffice it to say that~~ If you can find the means, we shall strongly recommend the enlargement of our operations here. There is another place open where we are invited to go, ~~it~~ which some of us soon expect to visit. The Gentleman who owns the property has been very earnest with me to go there as we have an intimate acquaintance with each other. He told me if I would go he would give me a good house to live in and pay my salary. I gave him to understand however that it was quite out of the question for me to go there, since if I moved at all I have a field marked out.

~~I would say however that I think~~ You would get a wrong impression if you think that all these persons are purely benevolent in their offers. I have no doubt but that some of them make these ~~offers~~ thinking that our presence & labors there will make

better citizens of the peasantry & thus enhance the value of their property. However this may be I have no scruples in taking advantage of the ~~[illegible]~~ openings for the sake of preaching deliverance to those whom Satan holds as captives. We should however take good care to be perfectly free so that we need not be trammeled by their schemes of selfishness.

It may perhaps not be out of place for me to say a few words respecting the desires of our people respecting a supply for this station in case I leave. A knowledge of these facts have just come to me. On last sat I exchanged with Bro Beardsley, supplying Bro Whites pulpit in Kingston. On my return Bro W. mentioned that after the services while he was sitting in our dining hall opening into the chapel he overheard some of the brethren talking about a suppl in case I leave them. He arose & went in & found all of our principal male members present. He asked if they had any objections to his hearing their conversation. They replied in the negative. Bro B. then asked them to repeat the substance of their conversation. I need not repeat their statements. Bro B. however expressed himself as being much pleased with the intelligent view they took of the matter. The sum of it was that they should be much pleased to have Bro Newhall take my place in case I leave. Bro N. you are aware was the teacher here for three years. And for the last four or five years he has been connected with the Scottish mission, a part of the time in Africa & a part in this Island. From what I have seen of him I think him to be an energetic, good man. He is desirous of coming again amongst us as he says he feels more at home with his own countrymen. He now has a salary of $750. or but is willing to have our salary for the sake of being with us. He is now in the field; is acclimated; he knows the people; & they know him

And there is a strong attachment between them. And may I not ask is not this the place for him in case I leave. Perhaps I should say that since his return to this Island he has acted as teacher & minister at the place he now occupies. But he thinks all this labor too trying to his constitution. And this is another reason for his desiring to leave.

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Remain in
Christian love
Yours
A. A. Ellis

Rev. A. A. Ellis
Jan. July - 1851
Rec'd 8/6/52
New Station.
Molokai.

Kingston
Aug 11th 1837

Revd George Whipple

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Dear Bro.

A few weeks ago I addressed a few lines to you from this place, directing attention to a field of labor in Port Royal Mountains.

I wish to say a few things more about it, as yesterday (Sabbath) we visited the place again.

Bro. Hall went with me, - nearly 200. assembled all of whom were more anxious than before, that we should settle among them. They say of themselves. "We in this valley are wild," "we all run wild here, and we have heard of a Station & School," "We are more than glad to have a station & school here," and such like expressions - promising to do all they can to help forward the work. And from what we saw, & heard we were soon satisfied of the truth of what they said.

A goodly number of them formerly, and some of them do now, attend Kingston Churches, They are not going to travel 24. miles each Sabbath to attend meetings. No! they will be their own teachers first. - and unless they can have better instruction & more among them, they will be continued to "run wild,"

The place is no more destitute than many other places indeed not so much so, and the preference to this place is, that it is a door wide open — facilities without much present out-lay, to begin with —

Dr. Kings Anderson says who owns the place expects to sail for N.G. in a few days (this week I believe) who will tell you more about the place

About 12 O.Clk to day I met a committee from the people at the Castle, to consult with Mr Anderson about the land he proposes to give to us — We have not engaged to go among them, nor have we given such encouragement as that we cannot leave them at any time, honorably & justly —

If we had means, I for one, would say open a station, and I feel confident my brethren would say so too. — Again, we are feeling that British funds should supply, generally, her subjects with religious & educational privileges. — British funds have been spent lavishingly on the people of this Island, but not in the most effective or economical way, (so some of us think) — Home societies are now withdrawing their funds — Missionaries are leaving — Congregations are scattering and unless they can be supplied with religious instruction at less expense and more effectively — Surely there will exist here a moral waste.

Bro. Pollard has received your brief note Covering the resolution. The Agency one stops us "on our ways." — and we wait for further particulars. We are preparing our Annual report. — We have just made the purchase of Elder land —

All the Mission families are well — —

Now Made a Mistake in one of your resolutions as to the Name of the ~~proprietor~~ proprietor of the Estate, when you recommend the opening of a Station. It is W. M. Anderson Esq. Sen. Merchant, and W. Remyss Anderson Esq. — The plan in Port Royal does belong to the latter, but and the One in Portland —

Yours in haste & much love

L. Thompson

P.S. Show our Mr Anderson & the Com. from Port Royal. Mr Anderson says he will give the Society in Jy. a deed of 4 acres of land — if the people claim to place themselves under you care. This gift will come distinctly before the people through this Com. so that on the 31. of this month when we meet them again, we shall know better the minds of the people — Mean time we hope we shall hear from you whether we can be encouraged to state further enlarge our borders. — A wide field of usefulness is opened there. May the Lord guide us in our decisions. — Guide the society — that his Kingdom be advanced

All is quiet at Beaufort. We have nothing pertinent of Hyde & Lewis. —

Rev. L. Thompson
Kingston
Aug. 11th 1857 Jm.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston Aug 12th 1891

Dear Sir

your favor of July 28 came to hand by this steamer Cocotten Johanna and I think all the other packages have finely arrived, but the ones by express, for which you say you paid $2.50. I also paid that amount here, not having a receit for what you paid but as I did not ~~pay~~ charge the mission here, your a/c will stand all right as it is, but in future what you pay for freight, on packdges coming this way charg to me, have you any funds of mine if not, take it from the missionary funds, and send Mr Walcott an order on me for the amount, and I will pay it to him, I have put a small package on board to your address.

Very truly yours

A Barrett

Dr. Barnet
8/12/51 Jam.

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Rec'd. Sept 9/31

Elim Station
Aug. 15th 1831

Rev. Gideon Shipherd

My dear brother — I now sit down to make out the annual report of the state of things at this station. In my last year's report I made mention of some trials among us, the end of which, we could then, neither see nor comprehend. These trials, (neither few nor small) I am happy to say, have now passed away; and again we are pursuing our missionary work without distraction or opposition. Refer to the rise, growth, and exposure of the errors of Dr. Hyde and Mr. Evarts, the particulars of which you have already been made acquainted.

The Cholera had been doing the last year, its awful work of death among us. — This was a just judgement of the Almighty and is not only to be endured but improved — ~~[illegible]~~ This work was truly a fearful one. All Medical skill was baffled, — none found able to arrest its progress, or say "hitherto shalt ~~you~~ thou come and no further, and here shall thy deadly march be stayed." ~~[illegible]~~ into the utmost consternation and anxiety — Every house was an anxious one, and every heart trembled for fear. — It appeared first at Port Royal sometime in October 1830, & made desolate that once far famed city, — It work spread awfully there, but still more so, in Kingston, In the latter place not less than 1/8 of its entire population was hurried, (many of them), ~~to~~ by an awful death to the bar of God, totally unprepared. It then spread to Spanish Town & Passage fort, and with the mark of a fiercer foe, hastened by the Kings Commement, throughout the whole Island. — Only here & there a district escaped its frightful visitation. It still rages in different parts of the Country. Within a few weeks past, about 400. have died at Savanna-la-Mar and vicinity in the parish of Westmorland, — ~~and in the country~~ My, to-days paper states that a few cases have occurred in Kingston — Half way tree, (3 miles out of Kingston) also in the Mountains of St Andrew — So you see it lingers about us still

I do not think the exact number of deaths can be ascertained, many have died of which no account was taken. Probably not less than between 40. and 50,000 have died

This is so small number to lose in a few months from our already scanty population. Can we not in some way have their vacancies filled by the fugitives from oppression instead of having them suffering so much as they do, and indeed, in Canada. We would bid them welcome to our "Sunny isle" - Here they would be protected by the same flag, & by similar laws. With these let a goodly number of the free colored people come. We have land enough, and rain and sunshine a plenty. Ho, all ye that pant for freedom hither come, and all ye who fear, that overzeal may crack a southern whip, (by means of that most iniquitous enactment, (the fugitive slave bill) I cannot call it law) come also. - Some have already landed among us, and I believe on the whole, are pleased. - Pardon this digression, I will return to my work -

For some time previous to the Cholera appearing there was an unusual degree of interest on the subject of religion among my own people. This feeling continued, and when the Cholera, in its rapid & awful work was known many, very many, both in & out of the church, who had been unaffected before, felt themselves quite insecure. And were led to inquire sincerely, "What shall we do to be saved". Our chapel was crowded. - Here could now listen to the word of God, who before, "cared for none of these things". All felt that God was speaking and they must hear his voice. - Many "pierced in their hearts", and some "turned unto the Lord". - At the time the humble for fear, lest their professed attachment to Christ was the result of fear & not of love, and when danger passed away they would go back, this led to much faithful labor, both publicly & privately, to first, have their minds understand, What God did require, - and secondly - do his will from the heart. - Some have gone back & walk no more with us, while others "maintain a well ordered life and rejoice with thankfulness -

Since January first we have received to Church fellowship 24, and all on profession of their faith except two. Several other persons are giving evidence of being truly converted to God, and will no doubt be ready for communion be received. The work still goes on. - Tommy Anna & his wife, only

a few days ago, called to let us know that they had fully given up their hearts to God, & the remainder of their days were to be spent in his service. – When the cholera appeared they were both living in fornication. He was attacked by it, and brought to death's door, I was his only physician, and while I attended to his bodily wants, I did not fail to deal faithfully with him, & hit them "Sweet heart". He solemnly promised that if God would spare him, he would serve him. The vow was accepted, – the means used were blessed – he recovered – and in a few weeks their names were published to be married. They are now as I have stated, professing to have given their hearts to God, & time will test the genuineness of their profession. They appear well.

A.M.E. ARCHIVE NO. _____ PITTSBURGH

Amid these scenes of joy and gladness, we have also had those of grief and sadness. – The same spirit that led some to the foot of the cross, led others to see that they were not there. One man, and a prominent one, (and for a while, a deacon,) through the love of money, and against the wishes of all his brethren, entered a common, grog shop, and indeavored to maintain that it was right, and declared one & one again, he would not leave it, and if the church wanted to turn him out they might &c &c. I am sorry to say that this man was strongly tinctured with a notion of Dr. Hyde's, "It was right for a man to do whatever his heart inclines him". – The church were decided and cut him off – after much labor. – Another man went off into adultery, and was cut off from the church. – These men, we had long cherished bitter opinions of, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart".

The sin of rum-selling and rum drinking is one of the great sins and curses of this land. Grog shops are increasing in all parts, almost two to one – This indicates the fact of much rum-drinking – while it helps to increase and fan the passion for it. – I hope that a good supply of temperance tracts, touching all parts of the subject, will be sent out for gratuitous distribution. Of late we have held three meetings on the subject of temperance among our people, and a good degree of interest has been awakened – I mean, in the Mission on here, on at Hermitage, & on at Brainard. More meetings will be held soon among us. – Our church members are all teetotallers

or at least this is the ground we have taken in all our churches, and if any of our members think they must do it secretly, -

Finances of Church & Congregation –

We raised last year for

Minister Support.	£16.. 5. 0.	$78.00
Weekly col. for general purposes –	14. 18. 7½	71. 33
Church collections –	2. 12. 3.	12. 27
Offering pulpit (raised by ladies)	0. 17. 6	4. 10
Purchase of Station land –	22. 0. 0	105. 30
~~£ [illegible]~~		
Sabbath fund –	2. 3. 6	10. 22.
	£ 58. 16. 10½	$281.. 2. 2
Expenses for Bills –	2. 0. 0	9 60
	£ 60.. 16 10½	$290. 52

Considering the excitement that has been here the last year (created by Miss Hunt & Dr Hyde about Minister and how he should be supported &c &c) and the fact that many of the people finding that their money, ~~[illegible]~~, will not purchase heaven, have consequently withheld their contributions) I think our people have done full as well as could be expected, though I hope they will do more another year for the Minister's support as some new arrangements have been or are about to be entered upon, to raise funds, yet entirely voluntary,

Miscellaneous

A little more has been collected for purchase of Chapel land, than what I reported to Bro. Prescott – The bill expenses I forgot also to report to Bro. Prescott –

The amount of School fees I do not know – Have not the books – probably $25.632 10

The only work done on the chapel the last year has been the making of the pulpit and part of the chapel seats. – The chapel seats we hope to complete this year – This will be done by our weekly collections.

The contribution of the friends at home, for the poor and here, have not only been thankfully received, but have done much good. We have had the consolation of seeing many made comfortable – It is more blessed to give than to receive –

Many of our people are improving ~~[illegible]~~ in their habits & modes of living – Getting more household comforts – bringing their families together at meal time, – Setting together in the house of God – Caring more about the Education of their children – training at home &c &c – This is encouraging

Truth is prevailing over ~~[illegible]~~ error & superstition False notions of religion are being discovered, – the hopes of many are giving way some turn openly to the world, while others heartily turn unto the Lord. A difference is being seen, in daily life, between "him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not" Pray for us that the Word of God may continue to be precious

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School

The last year the school has been under the management of school-directors. It was the first time our people had assumed any such responsibility. - We expected something in this movement. - We had hopes & we had fears. & our fears were that the school would not be efficient, and continuous, I could not object to the course at the time; for Miss Hunt's career was such, as to utterly destroy confidence in our managing their school, without a trial, at least on their part to manage it, This trial we thought best to let them have. One year has past, - and considering their inexperience they (directors) have done well. - The school has been taught by Mr John Campbell a young man from Brainerd Station, He has done tolerably well, not as well as I had hoped, known in the beginning - He has now left, & the directors seek some one else: Who they will get, we do not know, - & what they will do we cannot tell. - All the funds that the directors have had for the support of the teacher has been the school fees. And a donation of ten pounds from Friends in England. They pay the teacher about $14.00. a month, which in this country is good wages. for 16 days labor at 5. hours per day. - The average daily attendance of scholars varies from 25, to 35. - Our school this year has been much interrupted by the heavy rains, which not only made bad roads but raised the rivers, so that it was dangerous fording them, & for many weeks during the cholera time school was closed. - All felt that they wanted the [illegible] members of their family under their own eye. We have not had school much more than half the time.

With regard to the support of our school I may express, as my present convictions, that it will nearly or quite be met from this Country and England - The subject of Education is agitating public sentiment. Congress has made an appropriation this year for school - Inquiries are made by the government as to the number of schools now existing, how many have ceased - funds needed to carry them on &c. - This is not connected with Church & State - Besides this provision, there is a voluntary school fund, headed by, Quakers in Eng - The source from whence we get the £10.0.0 above mentioned -

First of August - Friday.

We had one of the most interesting ~~meetings~~ Anniversary meetings we have ever had. Read the last chapter of Joshua and was much impressed with his patience, with the Israelites - The people saw in the journeyings of the Children of Israel something of their own wandering & present condition. A contrast was drawn very graphically by several of the people between the past and the present. It would have gladdened any Christian heart to have heard them. ~~present. and certainly made our glad to have had you.~~ - Every year shows a decided improvement in the morals, habits and customs of our people. The progress is slow, but no more so than that of the Children of Israel.

When we first came to Elim, I do not now remember that there was a single virtuous Company man or woman about us, - and now there are a goodly number whom we are accustomed to look upon as virtuous and a public sentiment is being formed to hold all such persons in contempt & scorn - this feeling however is by no means common in this country, yet we believe it is increasing.

~~But to return.~~ The day passed off very pleasantly and profitably. At the close of the day a Collection was taken up, ~~to purchase the Station land.~~ In lieu, as a sum to be raised, £20. 0. 0. and found on counting, ~~that~~ what was paid ~~in the Collection box~~, or promised to be paid, in four days, that we had the sum of £19. 3. 3. besides a Jack-Ass, worth about £2. 0. 0. In less than a week we had raised the sum to ~~£20. 0. 0.~~ £22. ~~with the Ass.~~

On the next Friday, we made purchase of 1 a. 2 r. 26 p. at a cost of £45. 12. 6. or £5. 00. per acre. The sum the Society gave us (£35. 13. 10) put with what we raised (£22) makes the chapel fund £57. 13. 10. ~~Deduct £45. 12. 6. = £12. 1. 4.~~ ~~[illegible]~~ The expense of getting the deed & recording it will amount to about £4. 0. 0. leaving a balance of £8. 1. 4 to aid in the purchase of about two acres more, from Alippo Estate, as soon as it shall be for sale, - ~~but~~ This will make the station premises very ~~comfortable~~ - The people are truly thankful ~~to the Society for their bounty~~ ~~aid~~ to their dear friends who contributed to this object and to the Society for forwarding the same, - They ~~owe many thanks to~~ put especially greater ~~from Mary~~ for this German painter, Roper, for his continued deep interest in them, and for his efforts in their behalf. And would very much to see him ~~here~~ in Jamaica again, -

It is but just to say that in the amount raised for all purposes at this station the last year my own donations are included about $30.00, half of which was for the land.

Our Bell works finely, and is of very great service to us. It hangs in a mango tree, & can be heard 3 or 4 miles. Our people are much pleased with it, - and are, I trust, thankful.

Bro. Richardson is being very well liked at Brammer. Things are righting up there, under his guidance. He seems just the man for that place. - If bro R. had inclined to be led away by the notions of Hyde & Tingley it would have resulted in the severation of the station from the Mission. He could have done no more with them. — Some of the people have been carried away by their doctrines, though many have been seriously affected and their usefulness well nigh destroyed. - More have been more unsettled, than bro Canning - Poor man - we all pity him - Mr Marshall (the one on trial) was & still is affected by their actions. Mr Henry S Anderson Esq. has called on you before this and has no doubt made mention of his place in Port Royal Mountains and the importance of opening a station there, and perhaps about my going there. I do greatly desire to have a station opened there as it is a wide door of usefulness and I could give to the work, but for my present field - There also is a great work, and never have we been more useful at this station than we are now, - and never more happily situated. Nothing but necessity should break up our present relations. A meeting to day (as I write) here, and one on the 31. inst at Port Royal will help to decide the path of duty, at least prepare us to recommend to the Ex. com. what to do, or what we think they had better do.

I hope Bro Ward, (if he concludes to come to Ja.) will be appointed to Oberlin Station, if Bro. Olds is sent to Portland. as he will be about the person we need at that station. We need a very hospitable family. Bro. Ward is, and so bro. Kay we do not know. hence we ask Bro Ward. -

I must now close. I have made my report long, yet I said half what I desire to say. - Pardon my prolixity -

With kind regards to all the friends

Remain Yours affly

L. Thompson

If the ministry of our church, & persons presented themselves as candidates for church fellowship, a probationary period would be given in the church.

A. McK. ARCHIVES NO. FI-1921 FISK UNIV.

Rev. L. Thompson

Aug 15th 1851.

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A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1922
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage Aug. 16/51

Rev. G. Whipple.

My Dear Brother.

My last from you is yours of June 27th. The close of another mission year calls again for our annual report.

It is understood that the ministers of the Mission make, severally, reports of things in general relative to their own Stations.

I suppose that some, or all, have already sent off their reports. My a sort of necessity mine will probably reach you last, since my duty must be done after seeing that all the rest have done theirs. I hope however that no mishap will bring me, as last year, altogether too late.

I have today received the last returns from the brethren & am now prepared to transmit mine to you together with finances to Br Tappan.

I will first give you an abstract of the affairs of my Station.

Received for support of minister	$37,34
" Church & Station purposes	42,57
" For building at Chesterfield	47,58
Total	127,49

In addition, some one hundred days work have been given on the house at C. in carrying lumber &c.

I am often pained with the backwardness of our people in a good cause, and with the meagerness of their contributions. I know they are poor, and get what they have with difficulty. I can sympathize with them — but yet I would have them deal with a more liberal hand. After all, when I think of them in comparison I dont know but they do pretty well — for they are but children; and I remember a favorite saying of my father's "Dont look for a mans head on a boys shoulders" — Our paying people are very few. Seven persons have been received to the churches (Oberm. & Sem. Ren.) during the past year — Some others are proposing to join soon. Some few cases of diciplin have occurred — one for adultery — It may be proper to say here that this sin as a moral simoon sweeps over the whole land. There is no public sentiment against it; but rather for it. Indeed while a promiscuous cohabiting among all classes is little thot of as criminal, it seems to be considered by the blacks as a <u>mark</u> of <u>very special honor</u> for any of their women to have intercourse with a white man, or even a brown — The fact at once transforms Sal, or Sue. into Mrs. Sally — Mrs. Susanna & lifts them from the low drudgery of field labor to a place of attention & respect in-doors —

If reports prove true we shall probably be obliged to excommunicate one member soon for adultery & theft. In regard to the general state of the church I think the more substantial part are steadily advancing in Christian knowledge & experimental piety; but it appears to me that there is considerable want of that enthusiasm & freshness in the manifestations of religious feeling which a due attention to spiritual things is naturally calculated to inspire.

Much of my time is engrossed at present in pushing on our building at Chesterfield. The rapid & successful completion of this seems almost a necessity to our holding together, to say nothing of progress. Nothing is done unless minister gives the word of command & goes a head — an illustration of the childlike capacity & disposition of the people. We have five on a committee appointed to conduct the matter — yet I am obliged virtually alone to fill their place. It is often quite amusing to see what work they make in attempting to execute, unaided, a given object. First they seem not to know what to do to make a beginning — & instructed in that, they are puzzled to find <u>how</u> to do it. So after considerable bluster it is turned over at last upon "minister." Only the other day it was sharply contested whether minister ought not to have got the lime & sand ready for the mason; and that after

they had repeatedly acknowledged that it was their duty to do it, and distinctly declared the purpose to do it - Such a matter may seem of little worth for me to mention; but it serves as a simple illustration of character which after all I suppose cannot well be conceived of without a residence & free intercourse with the people - We have been delayed more than we had expected on account of bad weather & want of laborers - but the work is going on vigorously now - I have just laid the sills & am to raise the frame on monday - Part of the boards are on the spot - And to give you an idea of the labor to build here, let me say that our people carry the boards on their heads from two to three miles, & some cedar five miles A man can carry from two to three boards in a day In this way some four thousand feet are to be got on to the ground - Timbers & Stones are all got in the same way - But time passes & I must close with this - See 2d Sheet -

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A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1923
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A few reflections of a general character seem to me to be in place at this time

You will allow me therefore to indulge them and set them down for what they are worth — Reviewing the affairs of our Mission for the year past, as also part of the preceding we can but regard it as a year of peculiar & in some respects severe trial, and appearing more severe in the review than they were felt to be in their endurance — An era in our history & in our individual religious life — In these trials you have had your share

The defection of Messrs Hoyde & Evarts, from its beginnings to its endings together with its attendant circumstances constitutes a very remarkable providence — a wonderful example of fanaticism — an illustration of human weakness so near home that it brings out a meaning & a force to the exhortation "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he falls."

You are too well acquainted with the working of these things among our people, especially at Brainerd, & the influence generally, to need any recounting of them here — The storm has passed — would that it had left no wrecks in its course — made no breaches to be repaired — What remains seems to have become strengthened, settled — I trust that we have a mutual understanding and are walking together in good faith —

The signs of the times indicate that we shall not be allowed to remain as we are, working quietly & unnoticed — We are being inquired for — numerous fields, & urgent ones are opening & call upon us to enlarge our borders or exchange our field of labor — Bro. Olds is already about to leave for the estate of Wm Anderson Esq. in Portland by the way, I see your resolution puts it Wm Wm Anderson Esq. which is incorrect — Another field, it is not still more important than the former, is presented in Port Royal Mountains 12 miles from Kingston on an estate belonging to Wm Wm Anderson We have commenced there a regular supply for the time being — Whether a station shall be establish is yet to be seen — After facts developed it is likely to be left with you to answer — Another opening in St. Mary's we are about to visit These openings seem to be mostly for those who have been some time in the Island — are known & have become acquainted with the general working of things. It seems to be the common impression that it is unsafe to trust these enterprises to inexperienced hands. I wish to speak of several other things, & had designed to do so but time fails me — I am called to other duties and must bid you farewell

Affy Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

P.S. I see I have omitted to speak particularly of our Schools - Seven Pens has on the list 44 - Boys 26 & girls 18 - General attendance from 25 to 30 - - Chesterfield has on the list about 25 - say 18 in regular attendance - This school is at present independant of the Am. Mis. Assn. -

S. T. W.

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FISK UNIV.

Rev. Seth T. Wolcott
Hermitage
Aug. 16th/51. W. T.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-1924
FISK UNIV.

No. 2 Sept 9/51

Hermitage Mond. eve. Aug. 25/51

Dear Bro. Whipple

I have returned from my work at Chest. this evening on purpose to finish what I had not time to do a week ago, when I hastily despatched my annual report. This may reach you at the same time with that.

I omitted in my report the school fees paid by our people at Chesterfield I have not obtained from the teacher the exact sum, but I suppose it to be not far from twenty five dollars. This school has been aided £10- by the Friends in England, besides £5- towards the house. The Friends' contribution to our mission schools this year is thirty Pounds Sterling.

We don't "start" at the 2d. resolution which you sent me under date of June 27th. We presume you have a good reason for it. It has occurred to me that some communications from Jam. intimating such an enlargement of this mission as would draw heavily on your funds, if allowed may have caused you to "start".

Bro. J. O. B. promised to write you about opening a mission in Kingston. Suppose he has done so. Now this mission think the object a very desirable one, but we at the same time believe that much wisdom is needed to carry it out. We believe that our

good Bro. Beardsley's plan would not succeed for any good - The means would defeat the end - If he has written you on the subject, he has no doubt developed to you something of his plan - i-e- hire a missionary and give him at least one thousand dollars + house rent per annum - "This" says bro. B. "is the very least that a family could get on with" - "Mr — has eleven hundred, and he finds it a hard rub" - Now we are confident that a man who would find such a salary <u>necessary for his support</u> would not be likely to do the work for which he would be engaged, as our missionary, or as yours - He could not reach + benefit that class of persons for whose good especially he would profess to labor - There are already ministers enough in Kingston - and more - only they are too few of the right sort - "Ministerial dignity" is a great thing in Kingston - + indeed in all Jamaica - That sort of dignity which requires <u>money</u> <u>especially</u> to support. I mean - this is peculiarly a ministerial sentiment. If a minister happens to be seen <u>a man</u> - acting as a man - ah - he has lost his ministerial dignity - Now I believe in a real ministerial dignity - but I also believe that where it exists, it wants no great pains-taking, nor much money to support it - I believe also that it is an attribute friendly to humanity and to humanity's wants - therefore somewhat unlike what it is made to be in this climate - It consists

with being a "good Soldier" one who can do some of his own fighting — not demanding that one mind "high things," but that can "condescend to men of low estate" — I have no fellowship with that soft, nice, pretty, band-box & servant-behind dignity that I am compelled to see so much of, and which costs so much to maintain — but enough of this. Be assured that your missionaries here, one & all will stand opposed to the A. B. C. F. employing or helping to employ any missionary in Livingston who will need $1000 for his yearly support — There is not one of us who would not be pledged to live on, say $500 — and we would live respectably & be as freely and largely hospitable as others too — We are not rash in this conclusion — we have brought our experience & our arithmetic to help us in our calculation —

I did not think of weaving so long a web when I began — perhaps I have said what I have prematurely — If so you will know what to do with it that I believe I think I ought to say here you will not be disappointed, when you know the facts, by relying upon some of us here, that we shall not recommend the spending much of your money for sugar whistles — We may fail to realize in a given case what we expected — so may one undertake to build a fine house & see it burned before it is finished — but in neither case would this prove us fools — Generally in our recommends we shall try to give you our facts, or reasons —

I have one other topic in particular which I should like to dwell on, but I am getting weary - I must tho barely suggest it - I have good reason to believe that our American friends have lost much of their interest in the Jam. Mss. They have not confidence that it amounts to much - a small affair - I would say to them if I could that they are certainly mistaken - they have false conceptions of our true position. The condition of the miss^n in my opinion was never more promising for good than now - The supporters of this miss^n have been mostly anti-slavery - It has been the anti-slavery element that has given to it its chief interest - this element, as it was once, is now wanting - your missionaries cannot help it - The fact is, & it must be admitted that a slave is not a man - a man cannot be a slave - Slavery is true to itself when it calls a man a thing - Its legitimate work is to transform man into a degraded thing - No act of emancipation will ever make a community of degraded slaves, manly, intelligent, noble freemen - Slavery surely makes its victims all it says it does - "Cant take care of themselves" - If abolitionists instead of trying to prove the contrary would admit this fact & use it as they might, it would be as the sword of Goliath in the hand of David - But let our friends pass by the anti-slavery element - and look on our people as sheep scattered, having no shepherd, lost, & as another one did, they may have compassion on them or look on us in the true & proper light for a Christian to look [as we are] and their spirits may be stirred as one celebrated missionary's once was when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry

In much love Yours
Seth. J. Wolcott

Rev. Seth J. Wolcott
Aug 21st 1860
Kingston
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ARCHIVES
UNIV. OF MICHIGAN

Albany Aug. 25. 1851

Rev. Geo. Whipple -

Dear Brother -

Bro. Jones, your agent, is now with us - he thinks I ought to have replied to your communication of last Jany. - If such was the expectation, I can only offer as an excuse, I had nothing contrary from my former statements to communicate, & supposed you would so understand it, unless so expressed by me - I am still ready to make arrangments with you to go to Jamacia, this winter, if you desire it - Praying for the prosperity of Zion, & the work which engages your heart & hand - I remain

Yours truly P. M. Way

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. A1-1926
FISK UNIV.

Rev. P. M. Way
Albany
N. York

Aug 25th/61.

A. W. ARCHIVES
NO. E-103
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Rec'd Sept 9/57

Kingston Aug 29th 1857

Rev Geo Whipple

My dear brother

By the heading of my letter you will see that I am at Kingston; but am immediately off for the mountains. I have only time to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Aug 8. I acknowledge the force of what you suggest. We need great grace in all our decisions.

We hope to have soon for Golden Vale, Portland. as the fall & winter rains will soon set in & make the travelling in that quarter very precarious.

Br Hall asked me to enquire whether you rec'd our letters of about the 10th of June; as he & Br Thompson sent for the Independent, & my letter to gave an acct of the Ordination of Br H. on the 3d of June. We have heard of from none of these things. But it must close.

Love to all.

Yours &c

A. D. Olds

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-1926
FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. D. Olds
Kingston
Aug. 29th/51.
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1927
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Rev. Alex. Kirkman
& Rev. S. Kingman
Aug 25/61

Brainerd Aug 29th 1861

Rev. Geo Whipple

Dear Brother.

The package of letters, enclosing your favor of Aug 8th, & sent by the Steamer Merlin came to hand two days since. You have our warmest thanks for forwarding them so promptly. I am sure the additional pleasure we experienced, by this unexpected arrival, will more than compensate, for the extra trouble & expense of mailing them.

I am rejoiced to learn from your note, that there is a prospect of the Soc sending out additional laborers into this opening field. We need help much. And, in due time, I doubt not, you will recieve what you desire viz a regularly certified, & unanimous recommendation, from the Mission, to that effect. I quite agree with you, as to the form & manner of presenting such recommendations.

Do not think, because we act promptly, in reference to applications, sometimes, that therefore we act hastily. We are on the ground, & the facts are often before us, almost at a glance. In a conversation with a widow of the Orleans Dr Barrett, a week or two since, he gave it, as his deliberate opinion, that the burden of the work of educating & evangelizing the colored people of Fmn would be left in the hands of American Christians. Said, he knew the English ought to do it, but was certain they would not. They are fast abandoning the ground they have hitherto occupied.

their style of living, is too expensive for the people to support, & there (with a few honorable exceptions) they are not doing their appropriate work. There is too much formality & superficiality. I fear the mass of their church-members, are not "new creatures in Christ Jesus!" I would not judge uncharitably, for I know that we are in great danger of falling into the same errors. If there is one thing, I desire & pray for, more than any other, in connection with our labors here, it is that we may do a true work! One that our Great Master will accept, as "well done".

Dr B. stated further, that he thot your Association, should make this a prominent field of labor, & send out good, faithful men, as fast as they could be obtained.

We need good Teachers, almost as much as Preachers. Was glad to learn there is a prospect that you will be able to send us two for Mt Patience this fall. Have you any particular ones in view? If so, who are they? You inquire, "Would you like to have the twain, become one flesh?" I ans. By all means! Let us avoid even the appearance of evil. We shall have to repair Mt Patience house, put on a new roof &c, before their arrival. Have got the iron roofing on hand. We are making arrangements to paint our house & the Chapel. They need it very much. I intend also to ceil the Chapel overhead, to protect us from the heat, as the iron roof is excessively warm in a clear day.

Everything was out of repair, when we came here. But the people are now taking hold with some spirit, to build up the fences, repair the hedges &c. A goodly number are at work here today. The number in attendance at the Chapel, is steadily increasing, & our Lab. Batt School & Bible-class have grown larger by one fourth, since I wrote you last. The Library I brot out, has given

new life & interest to the school. I meet them at 10 o'clock on Sabbath morn, & usually spend an hour & a half with them. ~~the school suffers greatly for want of good teachers~~ I think there is a growing attention to the subject of Religion, in the Congregation. Almost every day, numbers come to talk about their spiritual condition. Between 15 & 20 have presented their names as candidates for church membership, several of ~~them~~ whom, formerly belonged to the church, but were dismissed for unchristian conduct. Some of these have given good evidence of being sincere, penitent for their sins, & a few profess to have lately given their hearts to God. The girl whom we have adopted into our family, is one of the number, & I think has truly met with the great change.

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I have organised them all into a class, & meet them weekly, for examination, & personal religious instruction. ~~Br Brewster~~ our brother, who had become deeply implicated with ~~Br Hyde's errors~~ Mormonism, & had refused to walk with the church, has publicly renounced them, confessed his faults, & returned to his duty. The young man who was suspended, has likewise made an acknowledgment to the church, & seems truly penitent. I trust the Lord is preparing his own way before him.

Pray much for your unworthy Missionary, that I may be wise as a serpent & harmless as a dove. Our family & the community here, still enjoy good health, altho' the cholera is raging in other places. There were 8 or 10 cases in Kingston, a week ago last Sab, altho' but one death occurred.

I expect to leave home today, to visit Port Royal Mts, with Br Thompson, to reconnoitre the ground. Mrs. R. joins in love.

Your Br in the fellowship of the Gospel

A McRichardson.

P.S. I forgot to mention, that we forward to you with this, our "Likenesses", taken according to your request, by Dr. Barrett - our friends here, all think them very perfect. We supposed when they were taken, that they would both be put in the same case. But found out, when too late, that that he had no double-cases - they cost $3, or each -

A.M.R -

A.M.A. ARCHIVE
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd, 29th Aug 1851

Dear Bro. Whipple

I am here, on my way (in company with Bro. Richardson) to Fort Royal, to spend another Sabb. with the people on Gordon Castle Estate, that we may be able, as a Mission, the latter, to give you our opinion as to the expediency or inexpediency of opening a new station there - Our earnest prayer is, that we may be rightly directed.

Bro. R. has found me with the reading of your letter to him. I am pleased to hear you state that, "The Ex. Com. will endeavor to give you (us) all the aid, that the Mission are unanimous in recommending to them, and, This is a very favorable construction of your resolution to us, by bro. Wolcott, restricting our expenses to $3000.

In my report just forwarded I failed to say that I found very much encouragement, that our people would do much to profit with our school. They desire to do, and have some pride in doing, something independently. But I almost despair of getting efficient help in this country, at least for the present - I would suggest that in looking up teachers, Eliot, Lyman, &c, we shall undoubtedly need help. - Our school is small, and a female of good health could teach it - Our differing widely from Miss Hunt, is evidenced that I can have general superintendence of the School our people will be satisfied. They know our Miss Hunt would be called to order by none - ~~and this~~ I had no control - the people had none. It was this that led ~~our people~~ them to take the school themselves. - It is more than they will manage properly. I am pretty well satisfied, though before recommending to send a teacher, I wish them to be clear satisfied of their difficulty -

Yours faithfully

L. Thompson

In "Fort Royal", we are desired to open an M. Mary's, we have some business to dispatch in our new station. Mr. Thompson is already supplied -

Rev. W. Richardson
Rev. D. Thompson
Rev. J. Whipple
Rev. W. H. Brainerd

J. C. Beardslee,
Kingston,
Jam.
8/30/57
Recd. 9/24/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1928
FISK UNIV.

Mico Institution, Kingston, Jam.
August 30th 1851

My dear Brother Hamet

There have been sundry attempts made to set some little matters straight about papers &c. and I now beg leave to lay before you a concise statement of the whole, with a word or two in addition on other matters.

1st "The Cold-water cure Journal" - I have received two copies for August - Please get me the rest for July & continue & send me two copies till further orders.

2d. Please settle my account with the N. Y. Evang. and Youth's Cabinet to the end of this year.

3d. Order & send me one copy of the Independent & pay up to the end of 1852. from the time you send the 1st no.

4th. Please send a "Mother's Hymn Book" for Mrs. B.

Br. Whipple will be able to tell you if any of these matters have been attended to. There are $8. to my credit, in his hands to meet these expenses. When that is expended please pay the balance and send me the amount due.

5th. I now wish to ask a favor for a friend.

Two Scotch gentlemen, Messrs. Mackinlay & Ham have been spending the winter in Jamaica. They left this for New York about two or three months ago, and left their trunks & hat boxes to be forwarded to New York. The Revd Mr. Hyams, the gentleman with whom they resided here attended to this business, but informs me that the Messrs. Mackinlay wrote him from N.Y. about the end of July saying the luggage had not arrived, and they were about to sail for Glasgow. Mr. Hyams says he wrote two letters directed to New York and sent the Trunks & Hat Boxes per "Susan Cannon" consigned to Henry S. Henry 81 Water Street New York. Packages addressed "John Mackinlay Esqr. Custom House New York".

The first step will be to ask for the letters addressed as above. If they have been taken out all is doubtless right. If the letters are there - Step no. 2. will be to open them & get the Bill of Lading and then proceed to 81 Water Street, where you will learn the whereabouts of the trunks. If found please secure them, pay all charges

send me the Bill & keep them - giving me particulars — till you hear again. Mr. H. wished me to have letters &c. sent to Glasgow but has omitted to give me the address at that place. The gents. have the keys - or perhaps have left them at 81. Water St. but I believe you can say with safety they are the personal clothing of the gentlemen & nothing else.

I know you have enough to do but this seems the only way of getting the thing looked after, and the owners are "of the household of faith."

Now with love to all the dear Brethren of your fraternity,

I remain

Yours affly

O. V. Beardslee

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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One thing more to be added to the foregoing orders. Have a copy of "The Student" by Fowler & Wells sent me - pay for one year from N. 1. of the present Vol. the same with the "Water Cure"

O. V. B.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. E1-1929
FISK UNIV.

Mary Again
Aug. 15 1
Mary is again
Jamaica &

Dear Brother Whipple

Since the Comforter has
filled me some degree to restore good cheer & health
my drooping spirits, so that I feel again the hope
[redacted] am prepared for another engagement
[redacted] whatever quarter he may appoint —
[redacted] letters from Mr. Olds & four of my
dollars bearing date June 25 & they all say "come back"
but it does not remain with me altogether to settle
the question. I want to go, & I think you told me
Committee would be willing to send me when my
health would allow. but whether it is best for me to
there is need of counsel to decide. I do not want
go because I feel myself more competent than others
might be found, for I know of many much better
fitted to fill the station than I am, with one excep
& that is a love of the work. Yes I do love
teach the people & children of Jamaica & I rejoice
I have had the privilege of teaching so long tho
not to them again — I once read of a very rich
ous lady who said that the letter M was her favorite
in the alphabet because it was not left out in the word
in that memorable text, not many mighty, not many
are called, else it would read not any. I truly
had reason to rejoice but I as well, that God hath chosen
of this world, yea the foolish & weak things of this world
confound the wise & the mighty. that the that glorieth
may glory in the Lord.

One of my scholars says in a letter to me "Your words are to me like the returning of spring among the forests of your country. They are as fresh as the well watered grass on the banks of a river. Oh Miss Mary they are as the morning air is to the invalid as [illegible] to me & they shall be as a plaster adhering to the flesh" Now if you really do think as much of the truth & the way to be good (for this is what I was trying to teach them) O how I ought to love the work. I said I received your letters & I told Mr Hamed something of the rich feast I had, but I said nothing of the tears of joy I shed while partaking of it. Yet I know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

My health is quite restored [illegible] when I first went to Jane. My [illegible] shall I return to Jane? If so when? Shall this fall or wait till spring? Mr O has told of the prospect of his immediate removal to another which will change the aspect of things at Oberlin. This leads me to another question, Where should I be located? I think I could live agreeably with any of the female missionaries there, but I think it would be a painful [illegible] dwell with a certain one named to take Mr O's place. [illegible] to small things for I am sure I could wish better [illegible] hear a man find fault with good victuals, easy chairs or the like, than some doctrines & the word of God. I asked my friends here to aid in preparing native teachers for Jane. I have 12 dollars subscribed & am encouraged to hope it farther. Besides a friend in Ill says he thinks Mr Schall will be able to raise 25 or 30 dollars for the Ill. Times boy now with Mr Olds. I am thankful for this but wish Christians had their hearts more enlisted in the missionary [illegible] I have nothing more to say about going to Jane but that my only desire that God will give wisdom in reference to my deliberation on the subject & that his name may be glorified in going or staying. If you could write me respecting the letter by the middle of Sept it would be a favor. For if I return I shall probably take a school here or go to Illinois. I hear from you I shall remain your unworthy sister in X [illegible]

A. ARCHIVES OF OHIO

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1938
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Sept. 5th 1851-

Rev. G. Whipple

My Dear Brother

I have occasion to address you for the third time since receiving anything from you. I feel rather sad- and as you will see by the sequel I have some reason- but I have more reason to rejoice than to be sorrowful, else I might be sad indeed- "If God be for us who can be against us" the trials do come. We held yesterday our semiannual meeting of Association, & in connection a mission meeting, at Brainard. Members of Ass.n all present- The following, among other things, is the result of our mission meeting-

1st Resolved that we recommend to the Ex. Com. the opening of a new Mission Station at Gordon Castle Estate, in the Parish of Port Royal.

Signed { A. D. Olds, Moderator
S. T. Wolcott, Scribe

A true copy

The above Estate is that of W. W. Anderson Esq. of Kingston

2d Resolved that each of the brethren write the Com. respecting their respective schools requesting teachers or otherwise as each one shall think best — — —

3d Whereas it has come to our knowledge from undoubted testimony that Anderson Kennie has been guilty of Adultery in the Seduction of his own sister-in-law - therefore

Resolved that his connection with the mission from this day do cease —

4th Resolved that we recommend to the Ex Com. the appropriation of six hundred dollars to meet the wants of the mission for the ensuing year, with some arrearages of the past year, for building purposes.

I may say in regard to the 2d Res. that we all feel deeply the importance of sustaining all our Schools - but obtaining the right sort of teachers & meeting the expense is a subject that weighs heavily on our minds - We feel inclined to be slow to act. Some farther developments in respect to some of our Schools made it necessary for us to put the res. in the shape we did -

The matter of the 3d Res. took us all with surprise. The first suspicion was the announcement of the fact after we had met at S. by the father-in-law of Br. Kennie - He had discovered it, & been, and obtained a confession of it from Br. Kennie only

the day before. Mr. B. having confessed the thing together with the circumstances attending it seems to place it beyond doubt; & yet it seems as tho it could not be true. But our atmosphere is terribly adulterous- A Judge of court lately said, when a lawyer objected to receiving the testimony of a woman because she was living in adultery- "What is that against her when every woman in Kingston is a prostitute & every man a whoremaster?" — Of course there are some good people here, but the statement is fearfully near the truth.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-1998 FISK UNIV.

Let me say of the 4th Sec. that the amt specified is more than I had anticipated, but it is what the different items made as rendered by the brethren- I am pretty confident that I can diminish it by $100. or more- I shall have charge of the principal repairs, & shall secure the doing the work for the least possible sum consistent with durability- Painting is an important item in our repairs- If it were proper for me to assume the responsibility I would say $5 00. or instead of $600.00- Whatever amt may be granted, we propose not to draw any more than we find we must have to put & keep things in a proper condition-

By appointment of the breth. I have conferred with Mr. Harris about becomming teacher in our mission, He desires it, but at a salary of $250. He will probably have a family- Bro. Olds & the people think very highly of him No obj. that he is a baptist- this sect is not in Jam. what it is in America- Open Communion here.— We have now not a teacher in the mission- As for Devon Pen we may as well give it up as leave it without a teacher- a man with family- We would not give it up, it is growing in hopefulness- We received three into the church last Sabbath.

The bretn. agree that if we should open the Station in Port Royal & the Com. should send the additional help necessary, it is their belief that it would be best in this case not to designate the field for the one sent, but leave it open for the decision of the Mission after the arrival of the individual —

We look for the Empire City in about one week & expect by her important news from you — With love to all

I remain Yours truly
Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. Seth T. Wolcott
Jamaica
Sept 5/57

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Kingston 11th Sept 1851

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1931
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Dear Sir

The Steamer Lafyett Stoped here direct from New York, and the Illanois and Bro Johnston are now in this port but none of these have brought any thing from you, How is this, Have you forwarded it by express, by the way of St Thomas? Now I will tell you what is in my opinion the best way for you to forward the packages you send. Take them to Devit & Davenports, Tribune building

and have them put
yours inside of theirs
they send to us twice
a month by the steamers,
and when I have suffiant
letters & papers to make
a parcle for you I will
send you a letter by post
stating by what steamer
it is sent, I have but
few letters this time
and will send them all
by post

Very truly yours

A Barrett

P.S. I have made up a
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1982
FISK UNIV.

Providence Station Sept 11th 1857

Dear Bro Whipple

In making my annual report I stated that our school had closed. Since then (the 25th of July) there has been no school at this place. We have been perplexed as to what to do for a teacher. In my report I made a remark something like this. That the school had made very good progress under the instruction of the teacher we had had. In some respects it had. The children and especially the younger ones, learned to read very fast. The teacher had the patience, time, and ability to stand over them and drill them in that respect thoroughly. Yet in other respects, she was so much wanting that we sometimes felt that, on the whole, she was doing the school but little good.

From the first the children took a great dislike to her, & the dispositions of the older ones seemed to be soured. She often failed in judgement, and was unable to secure the obedience of the least child that came to her. Of course we could not render the school obedient to her by being in it only a small part of the time. She teacher tried to do as well as she could, but she is younger and incapable of taking charge of a school at the present. Her education is deficient, but were that the only deficiency we could readily assist her be teaching a few classes.

The people would generally be pretty well satisfied to have Susan the former teacher, go on with the school again, but they did not see as many things out of the way as we did. We have finally decided, in addition to the one present help, to take Susan the former teacher into our

family. and Mrs Hall (and Eddy. is he not a precocious teacher?) will take charge of the School. letting Susan go in occasionally

How long she can teach in addition to necessary duties is doubtful. When she fails we know of no other way but to let Susan go on with the school. We know of no one that with our present means. we could get. that we think would do ~~any better than~~ she.

At the meeting of the Association. last week the brethren were pretty generally agreed in recommending that I should write requesting that a teacher be sent out for this place. I think as many children could be got into a school here as one teacher could attend to. Now that Brandon Hill ~~(more about Brandon Hill soon)~~ is connected with this place we think it assumes ~~gives this place~~ almost importance enough to be recognised as a station of the first order. i.e requiring both a minister & teacher.

Seccles

I need not say that a teacher would be very gratefully received by us & the people also. if the Ex Com. thought it wise to send us one. There can certainly be no harm in telling you our wants. but it is for you (the Ex Com) to judge whether to expend the means of your society in Jamaica or some other part of the world.

I think British Christians ought to take care of Jamaica. but whether they will or not is a matter to be considered. If we make demands for ~~all our~~ teachers at all our stations and for new stations also. you may ask where the end of our demands is. I presume we can find places for all the teachers you can send to us this year or next. We hear that two teachers are to be sent out for Brainerd. It seems to me that one teacher with native assistants is enough for one station. If two are sent I think some of the other stations will be apt to claim one of them. unless the two are one

On the 23d of August. Bro Olds and myself met the people at Brandon Hill and organized a Church. Thirteen persons were received at the time, and five more will probably be received soon. The Church & people there have requested me to take charge of them as "their minister".

A. A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-1933

I understand that the Society recognize that place as under their care. Is it not so? My present arrangements are to preach there every other Sabbath - meeting the people there quite early in the day, in time to return & preach here at the regular hours. I have preached there once ~~on the Sabbath~~. The congregation numbered about sixty. If all the people in that neighborhood could be gathered into one house of worship they would make a larger congregation than any in our mission. There are several native chapels in that neighborhood.

I had commenced to preach at Scots Hall on the evening of every other Sabbath, but that arrangement will be interfered with for the present by my duties at Oberlin. The last clause of the last sentence may be inexplicable to you. Then please let it remain so for the present.

Mr Anderson took a cloak and shawl to America for us. If he did not go directly from New York to Ohio he was to leave them with you until they should be called for. If they are left with you, will you do me the favor to label them - the cloak for A D Botsford, Oberlin Ohio, and the shawl for Hezekiah Brooks Esq Lapport Lorain Co Ohio. It was an oversight that they were not labeled here. Have you yet received the request that "The Independent" be sent to Bro Wolcott Thompson and myself. If not, ~~you now~~ I make it here.

Yours truly and with much love
H. B. Hall.

Rev. H. B. Hall
Providence
Sept 11/51.

Mrs Hall is teaching. doubtful about her continuing — as many children for school as 1 teacher could attend to.
A church has been formed at Brandon Hill of 13 members

Jan 6/52.

Mem. Cloak & Shawl
lent by Mr Anderson.
Independent. called Nov 20/52

Rev. R. B. Ball
Providence Station
Sept. 11 1861
Teachers meeting

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. E1-1934
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Station
Sep. 25th 1837

Revd George Whipple

My dear Brother

A few items of business is the occasion of the present communication

I intimated in my report that I presumed the school directors would request me to take charge of the school again ~~[illegible]~~ to write home for a teacher, or something to this effect — They have done so, and last Monday Mr Thompson went into the school. The difficulty is in finding him, suitable & responsible help. Mr Campbell, who left the school, August, was altogether the best prepared of any person they, the directors, could find. By the way he is now dead — died very suddenly —

Four young men applied for the school. I examined two of them at different times: the others did not present themselves. The first one was prepared in all the branches required to be taught in the School, except Geography and Grammar. In these branches he knew little or nothing — His moral character so far as we know, is good — is a member of a Baptist Wesleyan Church. —

The other young man, unknown, as his introductory, that he was a Minister of the Gospel, Poor man he could neither read, spell or ~~spe~~talk with scarcely any degree of correctness. — I found him totally unqualified for teacher, & I would say also, for preaching. — He is a young preacher, an old blind preacher, who has thousands under his charge and who a week ago last Sabbath baptized 60 or more — some of whom I know to have no fear of God before their eyes.

Such are the specimens of teachers we must have, if we are supplied by native help — at least, for years to come —

Our people desire a male teacher but accept a female if a male cannot be

Please excuse the blots as I have hurried to be in time

All Mission families are in usual health. — Cholera has appeared again in Kingston —

be furnished.- Our School house, and people too, are so situated that a female teacher, if she has health and strength, would do ~~well~~ though a Male teacher with health & strength would do better.

This is my opinion; the great objection to a Male teacher is the expense in sustaining him here. when compared with the work to be done — Our School is small & has been small and unless it should greatly increase I do not feel that we ought to ask the Society to meet the expense — — We are now doing away with the three pence per week and having the School sustained by voluntary contributions We all like this plan; though some have their fears as to how it will work, — It is my present belief that our School will double its number by adopting the voluntary plan- Many would not send their children because they had not the 3d to send -

But I digress to ask for a teacher as Mrs Thompson ought not to be in the school long. And my duties & health forbid my going into the school except occassionally — If a Young Man of good common sense, can be found who will come for ordinary wages and for 2 or 3. Years - send him; if such a person can't be found send a female, if one can be at your service, one who will remain for several years if health permit — A teacher may board with us: or board him or her self. or with one of our deacons who lives close by — There are two good rooms designed for teachers use. —

Again — One Church voted last Sab. to request the Society to send out at the expense of the church a set of Communion Service, I will be responsible for it. We have had only wine bottles or common pitchers and tumblers, and now we have a pulpit our people desire something better. We want a kind that will cost from 5. to 8. dollars. —

We have lately heard that the families Coart & Hyde are most all sick - Mrs Hyde has lost her youngest child also. that they expect to remove to "Saint Thomas in the East" a parish at the East End of the Island. A letter is now with me, for bro. Wolcott, from the pen of Mrs Hyde - on their K. "What is in it, we do not know. We hope something good - She has lately received a very affectionate letter from her Mother.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1935
FISK UNIV.

Amesville Sept 15th 1891

Dear Brother George

I cannot go & speak face to face with you, but will do the next best way, write that you may know my affairs & how I do. I have a household to provide for, & shall have as long as mother lives. & being obliged to keep house we must have the necessary comforts for doing so. Before I went to Jamaica I provided mother with a comfortable home but she sold all, to come here hoping to get her right in land justly belonging to father. There is no prospect of getting any thing & we cannot make a living in this place.

My health is good & I had thought of going to Jamaica this fall with the hope that the Society would send mother something to aid her But for several reasons I cannot do so. Ruth was very sick in the summer & has not gained her health sufficiently to care for mother. She is not strong enough to go out to work, nor could she leave mother if she was, & it is out of the question to take in sewing in this vicinity for there is none to be got. I therefor must stay till spring at least & secure a home for mother I received a letter from John Reynard

Shullsburgh Wis. last week & he urges me very hard to go there & teach a select school for good wages. Having concluded not to return to Ill this fall I considered this a providential call & have made up my mind to accept of it. The same day sister rec'd a letter from Mr Talbott wishing her to go back, & giving encouragement for a good home & work at hand &c &c. This turned the scale in my decision & I hope we shall all be in Ill— ere six weeks. It would be my pleasure to go to Jam— rather, but Ruth's health is not firm enough to bear the fatigue of moving &c alone. "It is not in man to direct his steps." I know it is my duty first to provide for my own household & I hope to be guided by the All Wise in the discharge of all my duties. Nay I feel that thus far my Father has led me by the hand & protected me in going out & coming in. I wrote to Mr Whipple about the middle of Aug saying I should be able to go when they thought best but then there was a prospect that Ruth would be strong & hearty. I shall hold myself in readiness to go next spring, Deo Volente. As you will probably see Mr Whipple at the Meeting please let him read the above as I have not time to write to him before the mail goes out. Your sister in X

Mary Dean

If the ex. Com. agree with us in opening a new station in Port-Royal mountains, at Gordon Castle Estate, then two Ministers will their families will be required at once. - And we do hope that no unnecessary delay will detain them. We need help very much. - We need now 10 additional fellow labourers - Minister & his wife & single teacher for Oberlin. the same for Gordon Castle. - Married teacher at Brainard. Married teacher at Chesterfield. - & Single teacher for Eliot, and one is as much needed at Providence. Mr Hall now has the School - This makes 8. instead of 10. I have now said nothing about Devon Pen, lately made vacant, by the teacher, Anderson Rennie, committing Adultery with his wife's Sister the natural fruits of the sentiments of Dr Hyde I may here speak of Bro. Benning: He has heartily returned to the old faith. - is amazed at himself as he looks to see his former views, of Mr Hyde & Evarts, and contrasts them with his present views of the tendency of their doctrine.

We have had some thought of asking that he may be appointed for Devon Pen. He is not just the man we want in our Mission, (it) he wants energy and economy, but may be better than to have the place left vacant. - What I have suggested, has been on my own responsibility. - You will gather from what I have said that we sorely need help. Our schools will not be what they ought to be, unless we have help from home. - For the last 18 months we have been trying native help. - Our School do not flourish - I doubt whether the time has come for us to employ such help. -

Kingston I am here again, on my way to supply at Gordon Castle. I have just received your brief letter. Bro. Bristol who is now with me & will carry our letters, will tell you some things by way of more fully explaining what I have alluded of affairs in the Mission - especially about a Male teacher for our school -

I agree with you about leaving old stations to fill new. I do not see in it duty to have should the Ex. Com. recommend the opening of a station at Gordon Castle. - We have not yet heard any thing as to the price of the lot.

Yours affy L. Thompson

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Rev. L. Thompson
Jamaica,
Sept. 25th 1844

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F-1-1937
FISK UNIV.

Kingston 27th Sept. 1857

Friend Warren

The package for Mr Oughton, and for Velasity came to hand both this morning. I am quite sure yours best way is to send your package to Demitt & Davenport, and request them to send it with the magazines they send to us, it will come quite safe that way.

There is, nor has been any thing for Mrs Hamilton since she left her, that is nothing has come to my notice

very truly yours

A. Bassett

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Mico Institution
Kingston, Sept. 27. 1861

Revd Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman St.
New York

My Dear Brother

Your kind favor of Aug. 28th has this evening come to hand, and as a Str. leaves for New York in the morning I hasten to reply. I shall put my letter into the hands of Br. Bristol who has been all the way to California, and come back a little richer in pocket, with a deeper knowledge of human depravity, and himself miscathed I humbly trust in his own religious principles. I have listened to his accounts with much interest.

I am much obliged for your attention to my commissions. Since the date of yours I have written Br. Hamer giving him particulars of all I have asked in previous letters, From that letter you will learn about the "W. C. J." &c. I have received one no. of the "Student" No. 4. - I would like to have the other three nos. sent and have it continued for one year - prepaid. From the glance I have been able to give it, it

seems to be the Youth's Cabinet under a new name, but I suppose it will generally contain different matter, & I like the general spirit of Reform which the publishers seem to breathe, so that I will satisfy myself fully as to its merits before I decide.

The articles for Mrs. B. do not seem of the most satisfactory color, but she will take time to consider the matter, before she decides to send them back. The Velocity only arrived to day, and of course we have no time for due consideration.

Your Bill against me is $11.45 — There should be placed to my credit — 8.00 — from Mr. Man — which leaves — $3.45 your due. I am to have the putting up of a monument for Mrs. Goff's son who died here, and shall have a small account against her when it is done, I will then give you an order on her for the amount from which you can pay yourself the balance with any further expenses you may be at for me in the mean time.

I have a receipt from Bro. Wolcott for the $100.00 & asked if I should send it to you but he told me he had entered it in his acc. which would soon be forwarded, and that would be sufficient. I will however enclose my receipt which Bro. Wolcott gave me a short

time since when in Town, but some weeks after it was paid over by me. It was paid in July.

I used to get the Eclectic which was continued to the End of last year, & since then it has been kept back without any notice from me. It came to you through Mr. Shipman and was always paid in advance. I do not care however to renew it at present. I never received the "Repository" as a Subscriber through you. I received one No. a long time since, and recently a copy of the combined work. I think I cannot take the work at present, though it is probable subscribers might be obtained for it were punctuality could be secured in sending it.

Must you have met with Bro. Whedon ere this & we hope he is on his way to us. Should he be yet with you give him much love from us all & tell him that Mrs. W. was with us on the 24th at the wedding of Mrs. B's Sister Christiana — that she and the children were all well & still at Shortwood. We buried Mrs. Dennis last Evening — a worthy member of our church. — Mr. Oughton arrived to day in the "Ohio" via Chagres. We are sorry to learn that the "Lafayette" was burnt at Chagre's — no lives lost.

With love to all

Yours affly

P. O. Benedict

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Rev. J. C. Ricardo
Sept 27/51

State of Ofe.

Rev. Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman Street
New York

Pa. Bro. Bristol.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1939
FISK UNIV.

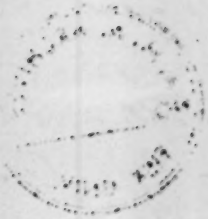
Miss Institution
Monday morning
Sept. 29th 1857

My Dear Brother

As the "Ohio" has been detained till this morning, I avail myself of the opp. to ask a favor of you — By letters received from Bro. Wheler I learn that he is not likely to leave NY before the middle of Oct. Please get & forward by him —

1 doz. Bullion's Eng. Gram.
1/2 " " Greek "
1/2 " " Reader.
35 lbs Babbitt's Soap powder which you will find advertised in the NY. Evangelist.
1/2 doz. Markham's Hist. of Eng.

I would order these through



Dr. Barrett, but he is not sending any orders at present & I need them at once. Should you not be able to send them by Rev. W. for any reason, please send them pr. first opty. by a sailing vessel.

Yours offly

D. O. Beardslee

Rev? Geo. Whipple

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NO. FI-1939
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Rev. S. O. Beardsley
Mico Institution
Sept. 29th 1851

Books. Wanted.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1940
FISK UNIV.

Providence Oct. 16th 1851

To the Ex Com. of the A. M. Asn.

Dear Brethren,

Your Missionaries in Jamaica after much reflection & frequent mutual consultations beg to present to your consideration the following preamble & resolutions.

Whereas, from our past experience in our Mission Schools, we consider them of sufficient importance to be adequately sustained; and to be conducted by competent teachers — and whereas, we have made considerable effort to establish our schools on an economical basis, & as far as practicable under the conduct of native teachers; but having failed in the past, with little prospect of success in the immediate future; and being now without a single teacher* in our mission, which will be to the great detriment of the schools if they continue long thus; and whereas the Ex. Com. of the A. M. A. desire us not to exceed three thousand dollars drawn from them in the expenses of our mission annually; therefore

Resolved, that we form ourselves into a Voluntary School Association Auxiliary to the British Vol. Sch. Asn. for the purpose of raising funds and otherwise promoting the interests

* The fall of Mr. Cummins & leaving of Mr. Austin drew off the last — Mr Austin has left of his own accord — no fault except incompetency

of our mission schools.

Resolved, that we urgently recommend to the Ex. Com. of the A. M. A. to make effort to furnish us as speedily as possible such number of teachers and of such sort as will meet the wants of our several schools, six in number.

A few words of explanation.

We believe that we may have a better system of raising funds from our people than the present one, the payment of three pence per week for each child sent to school; we therefore relinquish that & adopt the voluntary - the contribution plan. We confidently hereby expect aid from the British Vol. Sch. Assn of which Messrs Alexander & Chandler are at the head - also from other donors.

We wish you to consider yourselves in the light of donors rather than main supporters of our schools, and to aid us in obtaining teachers, and contributing funds as we may be deficient from other sources. The salaries to be paid teachers will not vary much from former regulations. We greatly need teachers as follows:

A single male or female sent with a minister for Oberlin - A married teacher for Grasmere - A single male or female - male preferable, for Eliot - A female for Providence. For Devon Penn & Chesterfield, each, a married teacher.

A. M. A. NO. FISK

A minister & teacher are also needed at once for Gordon Castle, Port Royal mountains, if we open a Station there. We are of ourselves furnishing a regular ministerial supply for the present - distance from us, forty miles -

As a specimen illustrative of the qualifications of young men among us who think themselves prepared to teach - and to preach too - we inclose a letter of one who says he has had superior advantages. We do not mean to say there are no better, but we do believe the better are rare exceptions - Three or four years of so called Study will not often make of an ignorant slave, even a tolerably educated & efficient teacher. We hope better specimens are coming forward from among the younger class. We would suggest that it is not necessary that we have college educated persons to teach but simply good common sense, practical working persons, with some experience in, or manifest talent for teaching There is much we would like to say growing out of the above; but for the present we forbear; you will get it mainly from our private epistles

And now, Dear Brethren allow us in few words to ask of you, what shall we do? - Shall we go on but half doing what we undertake? or do but a small work when we might do a large one? Shall we "lengthen our cords & strengthen our stakes" move onward & upward as providence opens the way, or shall we stand still - or die out of inertness? We say, God willing we will neither die nor stand still - Our work

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in time past has been a somewhat silent one — we have not made much noise about what we were doing; but we are presuming enough to believe that our work compared with our circumstances & means has been not a little efficient for good. We have greatly desired to be as little burdensome to the Ass^n as possible — We have desired to be a cheap mission to you. But the time seems to us to have fully come when the way is well open for us greatly to increase our labors especially in the department of Schools, and consequently incur larger expenses.

We therefore now propose — nay we intend as a mission, if God permit, to do for you something — What say you? We will not be individually extravagant — we will remember that money costs labor & must not be thrown away — We will observe strict economy — but may we not say — & that with your approbation & support we will "Enlarge our borders?" —

So to us the education of the rising generation of this crushed suffering people seems of the highest importance — The means at present are greatly inadequate to accomplish the end — you wish & so do we, to enter Africa. May it not be possible that Jamaica is the door there which we can enter to the best advantage, partly by first acclimating ourselves here & then going to Africa, & partly & more especially by raising up here from among the natives well educated & pious men whom the Lord will use in due time for the redemption of the land of their fathers? — May the God of all grace give us & you wisdom in all our work that it may be to his glory.

We remain affectionately yours —

A. M. Richardson } Chairman
In behalf of Mission — J. T. Wolcott } Secretaries

Rev. J. T. Wolcott
" R. W. Richardson
Jamaica, Oct 26/57

Ex. Com. for Sec.
Schools.
Prem Hatton.

Kingston
Oct 25th 1831

Wm Harris

Dear Sir

Please send by the first good opportunity a good hog watch, cased with silver on both sides or what is called a "Hunter Watch". This was the kind of watches I sent for before. This for one of my people who has already paid me in part for it — I send this request on a slip of paper enclosed —

Again I request the prices of the watches sent by Bro. Richardson

I do hope the Ex. com. will read, entertain, adopt, and execute the appeal to have gospel sent home for help. — May the Lord guide you, in all your decisions touching the above matter.

In haste
Your affy
L Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1941
FISK UNIV.

Can Bro Warren do me the favor of presenting to the Ex. com. the inquiry whether Bro Hall's salary shall be equal to that of the other brethren, & give me an answer? I have ventured to make it equal for the 1st quarter.

Respectfully & truly yours
Seth G. Wolcott

Rev L. Thompson
Oct 25/51.
Wants a hunting watch.

Rev. S. S. Holcott
Halls salary.

W Ans'd Jan 11/52

U.M.S. ARCHIVES

Wm Harrod
48 Beekman St
New York

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1942
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Oct 25 1851

Dear Bro. Whipple

Bro. Thompson & myself are in town today, & are to visit the people & preach tomorrow on the Estate of Mr. Anderson in Port Royal mountains.

We find our Mission letter still here, & open to add a few words. We feel deeply the importance of having any additional labourers that may be sent to our aid, come without delay. New Years will be the regular time for the opening of new terms of Schools &c.

You may not fully comprehend from our letter our object in respect to our Voluntary School Ass'n Movement. It is simply this — to put our Schools on a better system — to render ourselves & people more effective in supporting them — to make them worthy of public confidence & support and to relieve as far as practicable the A. M. A. We expect to hold a public meeting very soon — to draft a constitution for our government and hope to be able to prosecute our school operations actively at the beginning of the year.

It occurs to us that our action may have to the

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VIRGINIA

Exp Com. the appearance of assuming too ourselves too much. But be assured our action is all in good faith, and feeling that the Com. will not be disposed to object if they understand us, but rather to favor our plans.

The Mission are thinking of recommending the restoration to our employ, Bro. Venning to supply Devon Penn. He appears to be getting off the Shoals where he seemed for awhile like to wreck. Stay perhaps I ought to say he is already well off, & again in the smooth sea.

Pray do let us hear from you at the very earliest opportunity.

We think we can sympathise with you in your trials (such as are specially yours) in the death of dear ones appointed to the African Mission. We certainly can do so with those brethren in their trials with the people for whom they thus sacrifice themselves, and especially in cases such as that of which Bro. Left writes us — the Thieving of their native teacher — so trustworthy. The good Bungan (we suppose) who seemed heretofore so faithfully devoted to the Mission interests. We understand these things —

Brond. Morn. Have returned from Port. Royal Mountains - find the place quite promising - Hoped to find a Steamer in this morning with news from you & by which we might send - I must be off for home & can add nothing more -

Affectionately Yours
Seth T. Wolcott

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Rev. S. T. Holcott
Kingston, Jam
Oct 25/81

Ex. Com. per Dec

Schools,
Benning.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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BST. UNIV.

Albany Nov. 3d 1851 -

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother - it is now eight weeks since I saw you at your office, & it is only 12 weeks from the time proposed for my going to Jamaica - I expected a letter from you within 2 weeks - Will you inform me, soon as practicable, whether you depend on my going at that time, or whether some more suitable person can be obtained? I am passive in this matter, & wish to be governed altogether by Providential circumstances - But should it be deemed advisable for me to go, it will be necessary for me to know soon, as I ought to give the church I am now serving timely notice - &, in connexion with my present business I shall need all the intervening time to prepare -

I remain as ever

Yours truly P. M. Way

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Rev. P. McVey
Albany. Nov 8/51.

Com.

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F. M. A. ARC...
NO. FI-1944
FISK UNIV.

Orange, Mass, Mass.
Nov 6th 1854

Mr Whipple

Dear Sir — On the receipt of this, will you please inform the writer whether you are in want of a teacher at some one of the best Indian stations, and if so, the requisite qualifications necessary — & the recommendations desired, &c —

Very truly & respy —
Yours
Mary Howe —

Please direct yours care S. Page
Orange Mass —

Mary Grove
Orange Mass.
Nov 5/51

Nov 10/51.

<u>We do</u>

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1945
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Mico Institution
Kingston, Jamaica W.I.
13th Nov. 1857

My Dear Brother

Your note of the 26th Sept. was duly received, & I am much obliged on behalf of my friend for your attention to the books letters etc. I have no doubt they have reached their proper destination.

I trust you have been able to arrange respecting the papers & other small items of which I wrote to Bro Whipple. I will however recapitulate as near as my memory serves me, and add further items, to which I beg your attention as soon as convenient.

1st Send as specified 1 Copy of "The Student."
2nd " " " 3 Copies "Water Cure Journal."
3rd " " " 1 " "The Independent"
4th " " " "Youth's Cabinet" & "N.Y. Ev." as usual.
5th " " " 1 Copy "Mother's Magazine" (or "Young")

Please purchase and send by first opply. if not sent already—

25 lbs. "Babbitt's Soap powder", see "N.Y. Ev."
1 Doz. Bullion's Latin Reader
1 " " English Grammar.
1 " "Greek Ollendorff," By Prof. Hendrick Rochester University.

I had hoped not to give you further trouble in the way of purchases, having entered into arrangements with Dr. Barrett to get out books etc. for me, but he seems to be about closing up his business in Kingston, and has declined sending further orders.

Your Society and the Church and poor Africa have suffered a great loss in the recent death of those devoted Mendi Missionaries. It really seems a dark prospect — that of converting Africa by means of white Missionaries, & yet I do not think that Blacks of another Clime would endure the climate of Africa any better. Yet it will not do to talk of abandonment. It is to be hoped that by change of locality, a better acquaintance with African diseases & their treatment, or in some way, the mortality may be lessened and the work prosecuted with a zeal that the degradation of the people & the value of their souls demands.

Mrs. Beardslee is interesting herself & others very much in the fugitive slaves of Canada & has got up a Sewing Circle for the purpose of making up clothing for the fugitives. Could you give Mrs. B. any hints on this subject or send any information from time to time relative to their situation &

wants She would be greatly obliged.

With kind regards to Bros. Whipple Tappan and al. I remain

Yours aff G.
D. O. Beardslee

Mr. Mr Haines
48 Beekman Street
New York City

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Rev. J. O. Beauchler
to Wife.

11/15/57

Elk Run A.M.A. No. 2

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1946
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Albany Nov. 17. 1837

Rev. G. Whipple –

Dr. Brother –

Your favour containing the action of your committee was duly recd. And, as you propose to write more fully, soon, I wish to suggest the propriety of my visiting some of the Wesleyan churches, convenient to Albany during the interval of my leaving for the destined field of labour. There are some wealthy & liberal men with whom I am personally acquainted, & I think, in addition to waking up an interest in favour of the A. M. Soc., I could raise enough to support, at least, one missionary –

You will, of course, inform me what furniture, if any, would be advisable to take, so that I can dispose of the balance – I would just add, the church here have consented to my leaving them, wishing me to ~~occupy~~ the pulpit a few sabbaths till they can make other arrangements, no definite time is however specified, so that I shall be at liberty to visit other places if you think advisable – Yours truly P. M. Way

Rev. P. McGray
Albany N.Y.
Nov 17/57
Wants a commission as agent

Rev. J. M. Berry
Albany N.Y.
Nov 17/57

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No. FI-1947
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Kingston, Jamaica W. I.

To Lewis Tappan Esqr.
New York City

My dear Sir

I have written A. P. Mann Esqr. and enclosed an order on you, from Bro. Wolcott for ($51.32.) Fifty one and 32/100 Dollars, payable at 30 days sight. By paying the same and transferring the account to the Jam. Mission you will much oblige me.

Numerous letters are awaiting you from the Brethren, so I shall be able to say little that would be new or interesting. We have great reason to bless God, that the cholera has as yet been kept from returning to us, though anticipated by most, on the return of the season.

I hope your men and means are abundant for Jamaica. I am more and more impressed with the belief that the regenerating power - instrumentally - for this Island, in every respect, must come from the United States. Many are of the same opinion, and are becoming willing - & even anxious to hasten. I very much wish some of you would come and see us. You will never know Jamaica till you

do, and you will never understand as men occupying your position ought, what Missionary work really is, and what sort of allowances are to be made to statements that may come to you from different quarters. You may say that "we have heard from eyewitnesses all about the W. Indies", but I repeat it, you will never know Jamaica till you have eaten a peck at least of your "bushel of salt" with us.

But I am in haste and begging "a kind remembrance to all the brethren,

I remain

Yours faithfully

J. O. Beardsee

Rev J. O. Beardsley, S. L. J.
Thompson, Conn.
Rec'd Nov 19/57
Advice of a draft
$57.32.
Ans.

Was he entitled to draw?
Mr. A. is sometimes able to have a much percentage of
Receiving, and he is dis-
tressed to do so, when he does
not thereby overdraw
Ex. Ill.

Ans

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1948
FISK UNIV.

Orange Grand Town
Nov. 24 1854

Mr Whipple

Dear Sir — Yours of Nov 11th I did not receive from some cause until Sat eve Nov 22d I regret the delay as I shall not be able to procure a testimonial of any kind to day, & will not defer a brief reply until I can procure some satisfactory recommendations &c —

I am truly obliged for your faithful remarks in reference to engaging in the missionary work. I like to be tested in the matter. I wish to be kept from the presumptuous sin of entering upon a work to which the Lord does not call me. I hope my will be bridged up if I am choosing opposite to the will of God. I fear being governed by choice instead of duty. I think I have not looked at the object in the sober light of a duty which would require sacrifice. It is a high & holy privilege to aid in the work of shedding light upon the human mind & to be made the means of imparting a knowledge of God to those in ignorance & darkness, is surely a work which every redeemed soul ought to love & desire

I believe the missionary field is the world over, & every where is work to be done until it shall be brought back to God. And wherever providence calls us, there is our field. And in asking to be sent abroad I do not consider that there is more good work there than here. I ask it because I wish to give up myself wholly to the work. Is there anything unreasonable in so desiring? I should feel then I had something before me to which I could devote myself — some spot which by the blessing of the Saviour I could cultivate for himself — I should feel then shut up exclusively to the work.

About eight years ago I went out to Buffalo to spend some time with friends there. A portion of the Seneca tribe of Indians were then residing near there. I visited the mission station in order to obtain a school among them. I succeeded, & entered upon the work with pleasure. It did regard it as a work of self-denial & never feared it so. Tho I sometimes felt reduced that I was in circumstances which for any other object I would not have chosen.

I left the mission more than a year ago with impaired health in consequence of a constitutional affection of the heart & lungs — to which I am constitutionally subject & which was much aggravated by the

Lake winds. I was advised to go South, or return but symptoms were so unfavorable my friends thought I would not survive the winter. I expected myself to die & of course gave up the plan of teaching again among the Indians. I have been but some month the Lord has graciously restored me to health & with returning health is the desire to devote myself to the work of Missions. I wrote Mr Hunt I would like to go among the Southern Indians. Rev Mr Fennell pastor of a Presy ch. in Winsdale Co to whom also wrote in my behalf. Mr T's reply I enclose to you. Mr Wright to whom he alludes is one the Missionaries at C. the Board no criterion by which to judge of my health for he had not seen me for months. I thought Mr H might not not allow me to present some testimony of entire health. My friend at W. wished to write him again but I thought best to wait some opening of Providence perhaps I erred in so deciding. I know a communication is there from him which did not come until after I left. I visit my friend here at C. Soon after ~~coming~~ coming to C. a number of your publication fell in my way I learned from it your address & from the subscribe the knowledge of your having Missions at the W. I accordingly wrote you. I prefer a warm climate & I think my health

need be no prevention. I think of remaining in O until after I hear again from you & will in the mean time procure such testimonials as you desire. If you decide in favor of my going please write me on the receipt of this. I shall want to know what sort of a field I am to be placed in, so you will please throw some light upon the subject.

I have but a common school education so do not expect too much of me. & it seems as if I had little or no grace.

I pray, not to be sent where the Lord does not lead. I trust in your wisdom & judgment in deciding for me.

I shall hope soon to hear from you before I write again.

With much esteem

Yours truly

A. Hume

(PS) I think I have wearied your patience if nothing more.

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NO. FI-1948
FISK UNIV.

Mr. Howe.
Rec'd Nov 24

Dr Br. Whipple

I entirely accord with the expressed wishes of Br. A. Bates, — at least so far as this — to hope that you will give the Missionaries at Jamaica liberty to advance from Missionary funds to aid Mrs. Hyde & children homeward, — if they judge it necessary & wise —

We have had the case of Doct. & Mrs. Hyde now for some time, before the Church in discipline, and our confidence is growing that Mrs. Hyde has been a good deal more a sufferer than a sinner — She clings in her affections to her matched husband still, — & I suppose this fact has gone far with us all in implicating her, &c —

I write in haste — But have doubtless said enough — It will be an unspeakable blessing to her poor widowed Mother, if you shall deem it right to aid Mrs. H. in coming quickly home. —

Faithfully Yours

Orin Mixer

Monday P.M. —

Rev. A. Bates
Nov 24/57
Case
Appeals

Syracuse Nov 24 1857

Revd George Whipple
Sect &c

Dr Sir My object in addressing you and through you the Exect Committee of our Society is to say that I have just recd letters from Brother Loren Thompson of Jamaica Miss which states that Mrs Hyde has left the Doctor & and is in a most pitiable condition, living on the Missionaries with her 2 Children. She has no means of sustaining herself and children and no means to return to her friends who would gladly Receive her and contribute to her comfort and support, were she here but their means are quite limited, but they would doubtless do something. From what we can learn we think Mrs Hyde has not been as much in fault in this matter as we have been wont to think. her position has been a very delicate one situated as she has been among strangers. I am of the opinion from the feeling coexisting with the Miss Association, that it would be wise to do something towards defraying her Expences in her return home

Yours Truly A Bates

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1950
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Kingston Nov 26th 1851

Mr. Jaspian Esq.

Dear Sir,

A more favorable opportunity occurring just now than we shall perhaps have for some time to come, for drawing on you for dues to Mission for the ensuing quarter, I take the liberty of anticipating the time, by a few days, and, confiding in your indulgence, draw in favor of Dr. W. Barrett for Four Hundred Dollars as per accompanying Bill of Exchange which please honor with your accustomed favor and you will oblige — Yours Truly

Seth W. Barrett

In behalf of Jam. Mission

S. D. Wolcott

11/6/50 Jamaica

advice of Draft for

$400

20 yds 2.00

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-1951
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Things requested to be sent to us —
in Jamaica

4. dozens bed quilts, at a cost of from one to three dollars each.
2. pieces of unbleached cotton cloth, one coarse & the other fine.
4. largest size Cotton umbrellas
Ladies Morocco shoes - 2 pairs No. 5. 2 pairs No. 5. 2 pairs No. 6. the latter very soft. —
India rubber shoes - - 4 pairs No. 6. - 4 pairs No. 8. and 2 pairs one foot long, Samples not known, for Mr Hall —

One Silver watch, cased on both sides with Silver. The request for the watch I sent to Mr. Hammond a few weeks since I is for one of our people, a deacon of the church - He was to have had one of the other watches, but they were glass. watches, whereas he wanted one cased in Silver or Hunters watch,

As yet I do not know the invoice of the tree sent by Mr Richards I hope the price will will be sent to this also to the other.

The Cholera still lingers in our Island - and threatens a return, besides the small pox is quite prevalent in some parts. We need, for the comfort & safety of our people, the quilts. The people cannot make them, We must get them or they go without —

These things sent to Dr Barrett's care 37 King st.

Yours faithfully

L Thompson

Kingston Nov 28 - 1831

Rev. D. Thompson
Kingston Nov 28/52

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1952
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Kingston
Nov. 28th 1837 —

Revd. George Whipple

My dear Br.

I am again in Kingston on my way to Port Royal mountains. I find here a letter for Br. Wolcott. Superscribed in part by yourself & part by Br. Harmon. - By permission I opened it and find a very brief note from you. bearing date Nov. 8th.

We have been waiting for many weeks for some intelligence from the Society respecting matters connected with us here. And which we have communicated with you about. — As yet we have received nothing. I think nothing has been receiving for 10 week at least. - The matters I particularly refer to are. - the supply for Oberlin - Opening a new Station at Gordon Castle. in Port Royal mountains, - the Conditions of our schools. - want of responsible teachers. Increased salary of Br. Hall since his ordination besides some private matters. we each have with you. - such as. filling orders for things we send for and cannot get here except at a very high rate &c. —

I have thought that perhaps we were laying too great a burden on you in asking you to procure & send to us. such

Mrs. Thornton is with me & expects to accompany me to Gordon Castle on Saturday —

as shoes. - (india rubbers as well as other shoes). umbellas - parasols
hatches. - Books - maps - clothes &c &c.

Our reason for sending is simply this. We can get better articles at home, and at a cheaper rate. Had we plenty of means to get along with we should not trouble others, as much as we now do. though we do not complain for want of means. neither are we, under present circumstances, ~~[illegible]~~ desirous of any change in the general arrangements.

One thing I do ardently wish. and urgently request that you will "come and see us, We have set on foot an enlargement of our forces. - "a lengthening of our cords & strengthening of our stakes,"
You may not see the reasons for all this. - We fail here. that we had better "go ahead" (if) increase our numbers as fields open. or ~~we had to~~ quietly retire from the field & leave the work to other hands and the Society use its funds in supplying the wants of our own country in the far west &c &c.

Now if you could possible come & see us. look over the field - talk with us, face to face, ~~[illegible]~~ these and many other subjects. I believe much good would be the result. Saying nothing of the good you would get by such a trip. - (I mean in body)

With regard to "the Port Royal mountains" proposed Station. I can say we do greatly desire to know just what we are authorized to say to them. or rather, whether we can ~~to~~ make the proper arrangements to form, and actually to form a Station at Gordon Castle Estate — I have supplied them once a month. (sometimes accompanied by my brethren) from May to the present time (6 Months) We have done nothing towards opening a station but to thus supply them. We have told them, that our forming a Station there would depend on our authority to do so, from the Society —

Sometime ago, we expected to have heard from you, but up to now we have heard nothing, only through the Missionary that the place had been reported by us to you &c

Why this delay, we do not know. If we are not to form a station there, the sooner we know it, the better for us, & for them. The place is promising much good

You state in your note to Brother Wolcott ~~you~~ ~~say~~ that probably "a Missionary will be appointed for Jamaica" but you did not say whether a Minister or teacher. or for what station he was designed, if to any — or give the name of parties thus to be appointed. We wish to know who he is that we may address him, ~~to~~ requesting that he get us something

Bro Olds has left Oberlin & the people there are anxious to know, as also we to tell them, what arrangements are made for them. We can now only say we hope to hear so soon.

I wish I could tell the people at Gordon Castle what we may do for them.

Mr Anderson (now in America) has written to his wife to furnish the house at the Castle for himself. Says that we have given him no answer to his proposal to give the Society the house free of rent for one year &c and that now she can prepare to move into it — It is true we have given him no answer, neither could we, for it is not for us to give, till we hear from you. This is what Mrs Anderson told me yesterday. We still hope to hear from the Society soon. And I do hope it will be very soon —

I have thus written (on my own responsibility), to refresh your memory

I will give them with a list of all the things I have sent (or now sight sent) for, lest you may have lost or mislaid the former orders — All the Brethren & sisters are well. A note from Olds says, that he had had a slight touch of fever, but was now quite well again — We are going to see him next week

My kind regards to all the Ex Com

Yours affy L. Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson
Nov 25/61

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1962
FISK UNIV.

Mrs Olds has suffered much for a few weeks past from a cold which settled upon her lungs. Pleasant hereafter confined for a week or two, but am now recovering quite well again. A.M.O.

Golden Vale Mor 1857 Dec 15th

Revd Geo Whipple

My dear brother

It is so long since we have had any epistolary correspondence that I cannot now recall the contents of the last letter from you to know whether there is any thing there that I should reply to. Nor can I refer to it as our goods have not all come around yet. But "forgetting the past I will press &c &c"

You have perceived by the heading of my letter that we are at "Golden Vale." It must be a matter of interest for you to hear (as it is from all your children scattered over the world) from us as to our prospects & discouragements, our joys & sorrows, our hopes & fears.

As to ourselves we are in every way comfortably & pleasantly situated, except I may may make the exception of seclusion from our brethren & the world. It is vastly different here from what it was at Oberlin. There we were often thronged with company; - sometimes so much so that I ardently desired that friends would give me more of my time to myself. Of course I do not refer here to members of the Mission; for we had a multitude of callers out of the Mission. But here how different! No body passing

but the people going to market with their provisions. And no one calls but they. Not one white man has been in our house since we came here, but myself, and he was an American driven into the Bay by stress of weather, whom I found there & invited to come & spend the sabbath with us. But these are matters I did not design to write about.

We are nevertheless surrounded by great numbers of immortal beings for whom Christ died. Fellow-candidates with us to the great Judgment, and yet many of them do not know the conditions on which the awards of that day are to be bestowed! Ignorant and degraded as all of Satans followers are, where the light of the gospel does not shine to dissipate their darkness. Nor should this be a discouragement to the Missionary. And it is questionable whether any thing should discourage but virtual seclusion from the hearts of a people.

Our impressions respecting this field, as being an important one for mission station have not diminished since we came. But contrariwise it is becoming more & more important in our view. The population is greater than I at first supposed. A person can form but a very imperfect estimate of the population of this country from riding through the principal thorough fares of even the most thickly inhabited districts. For out of sight, in the valley, behind the hill, under the mountain, or on its summit over your head, in the midst of Cocoa nut trees or bamboos, are every where human dwellings.

Our congregation has been rapidly filling up since we came. On the first sab there being but an imperfect notice of our being here we had but about 75. Since then a regular increase has brought it up to 200. The number we had last Lords day.

Our congregation is on the whole quite attentive; - some indeed are really earnest hearers. And they mean to be orderly, but they really do not know how to behave in the house of God. Many of the boys are much inclined to whisper during service. And the older ones knowing this to be out of order will often create a quite disturbance in trying to keep the boys still. Last sabbath one very earnest man brought a bamboo whip to chapel, and stationed himself among the boys and whenever any one became disorderly he administered the needful correction! — All this was done with the best of intentions. The good man thought he was in the best manner promoting good order in the congregation by administering so wholesome discipline to such naughty boys! — Awful that so much wisdom to lead up from childhood to many grown up children. It is generally supposed by christians at home that those ministers who have not talent enough to interest intelligent congregations, will do well to send abroad as foreign missionaries. Whereas the converse of this is nearer the truth. The deeper the degradation of any people, the more practical wisdom is needed in their religious teachers. They have the counsels of none others to rely upon. They find difficulties & perplexities that are never thought of among intelligent congregations. We need and must have (or often greatly err) that wisdom that comes from above. But that wisdom is ours if we ask of God by faith in Christ.

My heart is often pained in view of the woful condition of many of the colored people in the States as well as at the degradation of the people here. Almost every paper brings fresh intelligence of some atrocity committed under that odious "Fugitive Slave law." I would that all the fugitives from Slavery now in the Northern States were well settled down in Jamaica. There are advantages here that the Canadas can never offer. The climate, soil, healthfulness of the Island are all inviting. A hundred families could be settled in this vicinity with every advantage that reason could desire. There can be no better soil than this. It is susceptible of easy cultivation with the plough, which is not true of by far the greater part of Jamaica. I should love dearly to have around me a few families that have escaped from the iron despotism of Southern oppression that I might have a care for them, counsel them, & point them to Christ. If you find any such send them along over the waters to me. I have the means of helping them to a better location than any of the brethren in the mission. Here they will be beyond the reach of the prowling wolf. There are no United States marshalls here to take the place of blood hounds and scent out their prey for southern despots, and pounce upon it with "tooth & nail" that they may hand their victims over to their tormentors. Here in this respect "the weary shall be at rest," for the "wicked cease from troubling". I sometimes ask my self who are U. S. Marshalls? And what sort of stuff are they made of? - They must be a strange compound. - They are "Republicans", I suppose; & believe in equality & justice, & the natural rights of man. And yet for a few paltry dollars they will lend themselves to drag men without crime into interminable bondage! - Surely when the North shall have got over this epidemic the name of U. S. Marshall will have an ill odor. More anon.

I remain very sincerely Yours

L. O. Allen

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FT-1954
FISK UNIV.

Orange Mount, Tn. Dec. 1. 1864.

Mr. Tripple.

Dear Sir: Allow me to apologize for the lack of system & rules in the communication I forwarded to you a week ago in reply to your queries of the 16. In looking over that I perceive I gave no answers to some your enquiries. I will attempt to do so at this time.

You requested me to give a brief account of my religious experience. I was early trained in the Sabbath school, indeed I do not remember the time when I first began to attend upon religious instruction. The so very mild & thoughtful child, I was often subject to religious impressions, something often told me, that I was wicked, that if I should die, I must be lost. I used to determine to love God sometime but not then. When I had entered upon my sixteenth year the Spirit of the Lord seemed to move upon my mind in a way I could not resist, neither did I wish to drive from me his influence.

For weeks I walked in darkness, my heart seemed so hard I could not believe then I wished I had given it up to God in when I was a child, before it had become so hard, that it could not repent, by sins were a burden hard to be borne

— they helped to unify the Saviour, & there was no hope for one who had so often refused offers of mercy. To pray, was like lifting a mountain. But mercy did come, & for darkness I had light, & for unbelief, & despair hope & for my burden of sin, the gift of a Saviours pardoning love. I wanted then, at that time & place, when hope first dawned to tell others of that love which had saved even me.

That desire has lived, with that hope. It has not always shown itself by actual effort for the salvation of ~~others~~ souls, for often since that, here, I have walked in darkness, often been most unfaithful to myself & to others. I united with the church in Smithtown about eighteen month subsequent. Rev J. H. Lee at that time Pastor, Rev Chas Luther gave me a letter from that church about eight or nine, by church relations are now with the Wesleyan church among the Indians. The present pastor of the church in S. I am not acquainted with.

You inquire if I purpose going out as a Missionary teacher for life. I think circumstances might arise where you would wish yourself to return home from service, I wish to make the Missionary work an

— object for life. I had rather not pledge myself.
I know you will not require it.

I do not dare to say positively
That I do think I am called of God, in this work
I view it in the light of a privilege, a favor
to be made the means of leading the lost to
a home in heaven. It God wanted all the praise
for being shown to such a work. And the time is at
hand to go. My prayer is as earnest that I may not
go, unless the Lord lead me.

You may inquire why I
have not before offered myself as a missionary. With the
view I have of the subject I think I should never offered
myself to be sent any where, had not providence planted
me in just such circumstances as to make it necessary,
a necessity. They who give of their substance & their
prayers are just as much in the work, as those actually
in the field, & then the field is every where. This view
might have influenced me, & adverse circumstances
might have done their share. If providence had not
directed my way in going among the New York Indians
I probably should never gone. And having formed a sphere of

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waiting there hoping I could not expect find here I am the
happy content to remain here.

I would like to know your
decision soon if you please as I am waiting in
some suspense.

Yours very truly

Mary Hand

Miss M. Howe
Alanson Mo
Dec 1. 1857

Wm. Hornsed Esq

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Hermitage Dec. 1st/51

My Dear Brother Harned

Bro.s Thompson Hall & Wolcott wish me to send you a note requesting you to send us each a copy of the Independent if it has not already been sent - It was written for some time ago - Please renew the Tribune at the commencement of the year and send me your a/c -

I have received nothing
from you for a long time
Do please write when
you can squeeze out the
time — You dont know
how much we want more
laborers here — two min-
isters at once & several
teachers — But dont let me
make you forget what is
on the other side of the
leaf — Yours in love

Seth T. Wolcott

S. F. Wolcott
12/1/81

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Hermitage Dec. 1st 1851

Br Thompson Esq

Dear Sir.

I send you herewith my quarterly report; from Sept 1st to Nov. 30th

You will observe a balance in your favor of $85.09 – I have charged nothing in the a/c, for building tho we have paid over $150 – I think – I have given Mr. Beardsley a draft on you for $51,32 – & Dr. Barrett another of $40 – Beardsleys dated Oct 27 & Barretts Nov. 26

I have charged no discount on the drafts which I have entered to your Cr. for the last quarter, for the reason that I do not know certainly what it is. This with the two above named drafts will be entered in the a/c of the quarter now being – There are some items that should have been entered to your Cr. & charged parties here – but we do not know the exact amount, & I make it a rule to enter nothing by guess – except in memorandum – Bro. Thompson would like to know the price of the watches sent to him –

I might say that drafts on New York are just now in poor demand – American gold is three per cent discount – Half Eagles pass in trade for no more than the sovereign –

Hoping that you & yours are in good health and enjoying heaven's blessings I am Yours Truly

Seth T. Wolcott

S. D. Wolcott

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1857 Amer. Mis. Ass.

			Dr	
Sept.	3	To cash on a/c of A.D. Olds [arrowroot a/c.]	$ 52	00
"	"	" Salary to A.D. Olds. to Nov 30th	100	00
"	"	" Do to H. B. Hall "	100	00
"	"	" " " A. M. Richardson "	100	00
"	"	" " " L. Thompson "	100	00
"	"	" " " V. L. Wolcott "	100	00
"	"	" " " A. Kennie - Balance on Salary to [Claim of labor]	16	50
			568	50

A. M. A.

			Cr	
Aug.	30	By draft in favor of Dr Barrett	315	00
Sept	3	" Bonnets sold by A.D. Olds	1	20
"	"	" Books sold by A. Kennie	2	16
"	"	" Cash by J.G. Beardslee from Rev. Mr. Andrews	100	00
Sept	10	" Draft in favor of Dr. Barrett	100	00
"	"	" Balance from Aug. Report	135	23
			653	59

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Orange Dec. 2 - 1851 -

Rev Geo. Whipple -

Dear Sir -

I have seated myself at this time to address you in behalf of my friend Miss Mary Howe - who has recently offered her services to the A. M. A. as a Missionary Teacher - there being no minister in this place to whom she could apply - she desired me to write you, noticing those points to which you alluded in your letter to her of Nov. 10.

I have for many years been well acquainted with Miss Howe, & have the utmost confidence in her piety & devotion to the cause of Missions - These two points in her christian character were, I think thoroughly tested during her seven years labour among the Indians of N. Y. with which fact she has doubtless made you acquainted & also her reasons for leaving that station - She has earnestly desired & made efforts to return to that field, but the door seems closed against her - consequently her faith & patience have been greatly tried - She is now willing & desirous to labour in some other field where her Heavenly Father may direct -

It has been my privelege to be

acquainted with many who have entered upon the missionary work, & I know of no one who ~~appears~~ to have devoted themselves to the cause more heartily & unreservedly than Miss Howe —

She has a good common school education — is 36 years of age — is evidently in good health — has no diease upon her to my knowledge, unless it may be a Chronic Catarrh, which she & her friends believe would be relieved by a warmer climate — Should it be desired she will forward you the testimony of some good Physician.

Yours very respectfully,

Catharine S. Moody.

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Shullsburgh Dec 2. 1851.

Dear Brother Whipple

I received yours of Oct 27 in due time, & am glad to know that your patience toward me is still lengthend out. Since I wrote to you I have accompanied my mother & sister to the West, leaving them in Quincy, while I proceeded North to S—. I was so late in getting here in consequence of low water that I cannot accomplish what I wished to in coming. I have earned nothing but my board during the summer & I have felt an indescribable anxiety to make enough this winter to make mother so comfortable that I could leave in the spring without a regret. To do this I propose to work for you if you will hire me. I am in a district of country where there is no particular opposition to your society or its principles, & its claims have never been represented here. Hence it is thought by others as well as myself that I might spend three months profitably in soliciting funds for Jamaica Mission. This was proposed to me in Quincy but I then had other plans. I have a good father or brother in each of the towns I would visit (viz Dodgeville Platteville Dubuque Galena &c &c) who I am sure will give me all their influence & aid in the undertaking. Mr Reynard the minister of Shullsburgh advises me to enter immediately on this work. Where I am acquainted I should not need any authority from you. but if I should happen to go where I have not personal acquaintances it might be

best to have a writing from you authorizing me to collect funds. What think you of the plan. I am too late for the schools & I must not be idle.

Dont suppose I intend to speak in public on the stage I have engaged tongues more eloquent to speak for me while I like Harlan Page speak individually with my hearers — I wrote Mr Harned the other day before I learned the prospect of the future My health is very good & my sisters was improving

Pray for me & those I love in Jamaica

Your unworthy friend

Mary Deane

Please direct to me Shullsburgh Wisconsin
Care of Rev John Reynard

Miss Mary Deane
Shullsburgh, Wis.
Dec 2 - 1857

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Hermitage Dec 24 1851

Dear Bro. Whipple

I have just received your note of Nov 8th

We do hope that missionary has been appointed & will soon be here — One helper would relieve us a little — yes a good deal — but we do greatly need teachers

Mrs. Thompson & Mrs Hall are both teaching now, & I fear

I shall be obliged to take up the school at Chesterfield myself at the beginning of the year or have none - our house will be in readiness if I have my health -

It appears almost impracticable for me to teach I would sooner pay a good teacher $100 myself & earn it when others sleep if that would do it - but where is the teacher - I can find them but they demand too high salaries -

We have just had a meeting to complete the organization of our "Voluntary School Association" - I would send you our constitution if I had time to copy it -

Mr Venning has received an appointment for Devon Pen & is to enter upon his Duties at the commencement of the year - We think the fiery trials thro which he has passed have done him good - that he will be hereafter a more stable man - The Friends of England have made an appr. to our schools of £5 - each & encourage more -

Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Hermitage Dec 3/54

Money from my friends,

Rev. S. T. Wolcott

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Orange Dec 5th 1854

Rev Sec. Chipple.

Dear Sir. Yours of the fifth I received to day. My friends greatly regretted my sending you the Tent Letter. It was done in order that you might see precisely how & where I stood in reference to the object in view. I proposed from the beginning that there should be no concealment, & if whatever is adverse is revealed & I am permitted to go, I shall with greater confidence enter upon the work, feeling that the Lord does indeed call me to it. — I am subject to a chronic cough. It is not in such a form as to render me feeble, or an invalid. Its tendency is to produce consumption. That was the form it did assume at the time to which I alluded in mine to you of the 14.

But there were aggravating causes, in producing the danger at that time, & the principal one was the climate. The lake winds which prevail in that region are most trying. Another cause was the dyspepsia attendant upon keeping up a school during the winter, & another was, (I speak of) the care of myself, & of this last I have repented, & learned wisdom for the future.

It was the opinion of Dr Parker of Prodenia (N.Z.) who saw me at that time that the climate was not congenial to one of my constitution, that I ought to be South, or even South East would be more favorable.

I think I said I had regained my health. I may think so, & be greatly mistaken too. But I think you would not say, that appearances indicate my being an invalid. Nor I hardly say, I do not look as if I was sick. My friends consider me in health at present, but I see that you do not design to rely upon any testimony I can produce either from friends or a Physician.

And here will you allow me to inquire why I must appear in R.I. before you can give a decision. If it is on account of my supposed ill health I will consent to do so, & if you judge me (in truth) to be in an invalid state, I will return. But if the committee are not satisfied with the views I have expressed to yourself as with my qualifications &c. I must say I should be in despair to find myself as a candidate for examination in any thing whatever. It would require more fortitude to do so than to brave the dangers of the ocean or the perils of South lands—

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And if you will please tell me what they want me there for, I will endeavor to meet their requests here.

I am not in the habit of communicating my views or thoughts unless it be for the accomplishment of a purpose like this. And if your committee should call upon me for a full exposition even of these, they would at once take wings. I ask mercy to my weakness sir & beg you not to ask so hard a thing of me. If I go and be here just I shall not want to be sent back for any thing else but lack of the necessary health.

And here I would say that I will urge my claims no longer, if it is like to hinder any other one from entering the field of whose qualifications, or devotedness, or health, you have no doubt. I might perhaps be say that I am not particularly interested in the colored race. If I were to choose a people for which to labor, I am sure it would be the Indians. But I am willing to give up that long cherished desire & go where my services are most needed. I should expect to labor often in weariness & painfulness both, & perhaps spend a long life in doing ~~it~~ that without any visible fruit of labor. I should not expect to do or see great things from my efforts any where. And I hope you will not allow me to stand in the way of more promising efficient labors

Thurs. Evening Dec. 11th 75

Rev. Chapfield. Will please excuse the delay of this, as I could not see Dr B. until this evening. Dr Barker is a member of the Staff - Medical Association, and has been in practice about 12 years. I asked for an unprejudiced opinion. I hope he has given it.

Very truly yours
M. Horne

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Mrs Mary Horne
Orange Mass
Dec 9th 11.
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To whom it may concern

This may certify that I have examined into the state of health of Miss Mary Howe and I give it as my unprejudiced opinion that she has no disease or infirmities, that would render an exchange of residence to a Southern climate prejudicial to her health.

Camp Dec 11 1861

Edward Barlow

Edward Barton
Orange Map
Dec 11/51

Mrs. Elcome

Com.

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Kingston Dec. 18 - 1851

Messrs Tappan Esq
Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn on you for three Hundred Dollars, in favor of A. Barrett, at fifteen days after sight. Please honor the same with your acceptance and you will oblige the Jamaica Mission

Yours Truly
Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Holcott
Kingston – Dec 18/57
advice of draft of $300.

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Kingston Dec. 18-1851

Revd G Whipple

My Dear Brother,

Yours of the 1st inst. has been duly received. I had just written you accompanying A/cs to Bro. Jessman - by the same arrival received papers - & the Independent for which I wrote Mr. Harmon - We have taken the liberty to avail ourselves at once of the vote of the Com. for building purposes and I have this day drawn for $300. of which we are in pressing want - We are glad to hear of the appointment of a new Missionary - Would you had funds enough to warrant the appointment of another Mrs. Hyde has returned to her husband, or rather to the company - we hear that the Dr has found (conceived) that Mrs. Evarts is not quite a perfect Saint, & for the time being does not cohabit with her - nor with his wife. Mrs. H. is strongly attached to her husband & yet hopes he will return to her - She is broken down physically & mentally - not past recovery I hope - It is astonishing to see what power Dr. H. has over his wife - Mr. Evarts & a few others - like that of Joe Smith over his followers - Mrs. Hyde professes to think there will be a break up there soon -

Mrs. H. is certainly a great sufferer. She seems to have fought every inch of the ground with her husband & to have yielded only after a severe struggle – She admits his extravagancies when, as she thinks, she has overcome her wicked heart –

I am in great haste to return home & cannot say more now – What had we better do if matters come to the worst with Mrs Hayde & she is anxious to have us help her home? With much love I remain yours

Seth T. Walker

Rev. S. T. Walker
Hermitage
Dec 18/57

Lima. Livingston. Co. N.Y.
Dec. 21. 1858.

Brother Whipple.

My dear sir. I take this opportunity to inquire of you about the mission on the Island of Jamaica. I just received a communication from Bro. Way, (with whom I am some acquainted,) concerning the matter. and he refered me to you. What language do they use? Are there any more men wanted? If so. when? What is the state of society there? I have been studdying at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary as preparatory for such for such labor when the way opens. I have been a travelling preacher in the Rochester Conference, but am now at school.

If you think proper you can inquire of Brother Henry Booth of East Springwater Livingston. Co. N.Y. He belongs to Rochester Conference, or Brother Matlack of New York.

I Should be glad to hear from you soon and oblige

Seth Gerry

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Seth Merry
Lima N.Y.
Dec 20/54

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Mico Institution
Kingston Jamaica W. I.
22nd Decr. 1851

My Dear Brother Whipple

Your favor of the 1st inst. was duly received, but there has been no return Str this way since or it would have received an earlier answer. Your letters are certainly always acceptable, but I do not expect you to bestow much time upon correspondence with me, unless you find it in the way of your great & good cause to do so. I am sorry that I cannot be of more essential service to you and the Mission so as at least to make some small returns for my frequent trespasses upon your valuable time. When I can avoid it I endeavor to do so, & be assured whenever you give me any little service to attend to it gives me pleasure.

I am much obliged for the promise of an early attention to the items already before you and trust that the articles ordered will come in due time. You will of course advise me in advance pr. Str. when they are shipped.

In regard to the matter touching Mrs. H. I am ready to do whatever is to be done for her, following your instructions. It is impossible to say what phase matters will finally assume.

I believe she was quite disposed at one time to return to America, but while with the Brethren, she heard that the Dr. & Mrs. Evarts had begun to find out that there was not the spiritual union between them that they had imagined, and had separated. This no doubt influenced her to return, & she is now with them again. I would not be surprised if she lives again with her husband. I cannot say whether she has been an actual partaker in her husband's sins or not. A great sufferer she has been.

I shall keep track of their movements & if Mrs. Hyde should at any time desire to come out from among them and to return to her mother I will see that your suggestions are attended to.

What you have said about aiding the Refugees, of Canada, has been rather a damper to Mrs. B's zeal in that direction, though we are glad to know the truth in the case. As considerable clothing has already been prepared, we must try to get over one box with as little trouble as possible, and hope in the mean time to be more fully informed on the subject.

I have lately employed two colored Americans with families - one from North Carolina & the other from Delaware who came here

on account of the oppressive laws of our free country. I sometimes think that the preaching of the Gospel and the prayer of faith are the only legitimate means for bringing about the abolition of slavery — that christians are stepping out of their proper sphere in having so much to do with politics in this matter. If we honored God more & would wait patiently in the use of His appointed means only, ultimate, & I doubt not more speedy success would follow. If Abolitionists would only plead with slave holders themselves, & urge, so far as they come in contact with the slaves, submission to their masters till such time as they are voluntarily set free, I dont think there would be any difficulty in going into the South with Anti Slavery doctrines.

Jehovah is as much the God of the oppressed now as He was in the days of Israel, and as He planned and executed the escape of His ancient people, so would He now do for the Africans if sought unto & confided in for this object.

Moses and Aaron "went in unto Pharaoh" and demanded the people at His hand. So go in unto the Slaveholder, and God will bring all His plagues upon them, if necessary, to obtain the release of the captive. Thus believes your brother.

With kind regards to all

Yours faithfully

J. O. Beardslee

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Rev. J. C. Beardsley
Jamaica N.Y.
Dec 22/51

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Hermitage Dec. 26th 1851

Rev. P. M. Hay,

Dear Brother,

Though personally a stranger, circumstances have made it important for me to introduce myself to you, and to trouble you a little with a few items of business — From our last advices we find you appointed by the A. M. E. to the Jamaica Mission & to come out some time this winter. If this reaches you in time, & you can make it convenient, you will oblige us by purchasing & bringing with you the following articles

50 lbs Cotton Batting

1 Barrel Hams — the hams should be of small size —

8 Stone jars — of the sort which Mr. Harned sent to Mr. Evarts — The jars may be filled — say, two with rice — two with split peas — two with white beans — two with lard — 1 Barrel dried fruit, if not bearing too high a price, would be acceptable —

6 Sets of bed-stead castings — They are cast-iron groves & tongues, fitting together as a stove foot slips into its grove and supply the place of the old fashioned mortice, tenon & screw in putting up bed steads — If you get the jars as above you may add another & fill with Saleratus. You might make up the jars to 11 if you will want any for yourself & fill as you think best —

The mission will be responsible for the payment of what you purchase for us. You can use your own money and we will pay you here, or you can draw on Br. Tappan. Bring the things with you or not get them. You will do well to have all your own house hold furniture &c. &c. entered on Ship, not as freight, but as passengers luggage - it will save here some duties. We hope to see you before long - we need your help here much. The Lord give you a heart to labor for a people, ignorant, superstitious, ungrateful, deaf of hearing, deceiving & being deceived - Don't be frightened tho - there are some bright spots.

Your brother
Seth T. Wolcott

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Rev. S. J. Wolcott
to Rev. J. M. May
Dec 26/51

Rev P. M. May

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Hermitage Dec. 27-1851

Dear Bro. Whipple

I wrote you from Kingston last week, a hasty note, mentioning the receipt of yours by Mr. Dunham. Since then we have had unexpectedly a meeting of the mission, on occasion of a visit of Bro. Cole & wife from Portland. Your letter was read & discussed, and we fear that the fear you expressed of not being able to furnish us with a minister for the new Station Gorden Castle, will be realized, at least for the present— We hope not— Anticipating that it may be so, we have determined on continuing there a monthly supply; and I am instructed to inquire whether our liberty to determine the locality of bro. Way may be allowed to extend out of the present bounds of the mission as well as in— If so, we may perhaps decide that bro. Way do not go to Oberlin. We believe it would be far better to give Oberlin Providence & Brandon still one minister with a married teacher for Providence & single teacher for Oberlin than to give them two ministers & none for Gorden Castle. We think, so far as people are concerned & our ability, prospectively, to exert a healthful influence, that the latter place equals in importance all three of the former. Oberlin is the only place

in the mission where we can put Bro. Way. we would like to put him there if we could have another man for Gordon Castle; but we do feel desirous to maintain the hold we have on this field — And if you cannot send us a minister in addition to Bro. Way & you leave the decission of the question wholly with us, we shall probably take up Gordon Castle & so arrange our forces as to station one of our number there. Bro. Way's localety will depend on his adaptation & inclination. He may be well fitted to fill the place of Bro. Hall, (supposing him at Oberlin) Bro. Thompson or myself, & not at all suited to the wants of G. C. — Or he may be just the man we would desire for this place. We hope this may reach you in time for you to give Bro. Way such instructions as you may think proper — if not let us hear from you at the earliest possible date —

Bro. Oles is well pleased with his prospects at Golden Vale. He has a School, taught by a member of his family, at about $150 per week. He calls on me for cash to pay his teacher for the past quarter — I dont know as I am authorised to meet it, tho I suppose there would be no objection. W. Anderson Esq. of St Marys has just returned from a visit to England & says he found the Quakers there much interested in our mission; and he thinks they will make a handsome donation to our Schools. —

The mission will be obliged to you if you will send out a few copies of the Essay on tobacco — Send us each a copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" when published. If they should not come too dear you may send a half dozen copies in addition for sale. Was the "Island Estate ever been published in book form? if so I should like one or two copies. — —

I enclose a letter to Mr. Way, ordering a few articles by him, fearing it might not be convenient for you to attend to it — Mr. Way need not get the message till in New York — You can advise with him in getting the articles — Any of them should be omitted if the price should be unusually high.

Do not fail to send bills of a/c — I am not able to make correct entries of some things which I know should be entered on a/c, for want of bills — Items to be entered on a/c of Mr. Way should come with him. I have not yet heard of anything on a/c of Rev. Richardson

With love to all I am Still Yours —

Seth T. Wolcott

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Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Dec 27/51

Lima. Liv. Co N. Y.
Dec. 30, 1851

Broth Whipple.

My dear sir: I received yours of the 22 inst. a few days since and now answer that I am not ordained. I am advised by J. M. Way that if I go, to that field of labor, to go as a teacher only. This would be agreable to my wishes, for I have long followed the business of teaching.

You said you were in need of some teachers. I want to inquire what might a teacher expect for his services: and for what term of years do you expect them to engage. I do not take your Journal, or I probably should not need to ask the questions

I remain yours for a pure gospel

Seth Gerry

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Seth Merry
Lenox, Ser Co. N.Y.
Dec 30/51

Our Chiefs will please make due allowance for the defenders opinion. I do not mean to be sent to Jamaica altogether by the kindness of my friends. I want to see that my heavenly father leads the way & then it will be safe to follow.

If I appeared impatience in my last for your decision I would say here that I am willing to wait that decision.

Yrs. Horne

Miss Moore

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Memorandum of J. C. Beaurlies letter.

Feb 14/51. Rec'd for books £8.19s. Mem. about the $8.

Mch 14/51. Introduction of Anderson. attached A's Recpt for $100.

May 13/51 Explanation of Jens. difficulties. addition May 29

June 13/51 Wheeler. Richardson. page 4, Mission in the city.

July 29/51. Silhs & C. 1.75 Wants Mothers Hymn Book. 20 Jony for N. Y.

Evang. & Christ. Cabinet: (N.Y. Exam. from May 30/50 to Dec 31/52 $4.

Cabinet 4 copies ($3) from Mch 31/50 to Dec 31/51. $5.50

Peter cane Journals. 1 May No & the rest from July 1

1 copy of the Student.

Andrews has paid the $100.

N. Whall.

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Mem. of J. C. Beaudrieu ...
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Feb 14.
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July 24.
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Mico Institution
Kingston Jamaica W. I.
2nd Jany. 1852

My dear Brother Whipple

As the "Bro. Jonathan" is in and leaves for New York to day, I hasten to send you a few lines. I hope to find some one on board to take charge of the silk dress colored for Mrs. B. but very badly done, as you may see by opening the parcel. It could not be made up in its present state. Mrs. B. has put in a piece of silk like wh. she would wish hers to be dyed. It is a dark color & I think would take well. If the Brother who is coming out has not sailed, perhaps he could bring the dress with him.

I have just returned from Brainard where I have been to build a tomb over the grave of my former wife and to erect the stone sent out by Mrs. Goff for Frank. I found Bro. Richardson poorly with a large swelling under his chin. It seems to be the concentrating of bad humors which have been hanging about him, as the ~~effect~~ result of acclimation. He has not been able to preach for three weeks & probably will not be for two Sabbs. more, but is getting better. I was able to supply his lack of service to some extent last Sabb. and attended two other services

with the people. He is much beloved and doing good I have no doubts among the people. The disaffected ones are returning. I hope you will send a well qualified married teacher for Brainerd without delay. I do not know where you would find so important a field among the young as there. There are multitudes of youth and children coming forward there, and they have now been a long time without a good School.

I visited Hermitage, Providence and Eliot while away. All the Mission families were well. Bro. & sister Olds were over and spent two Sabbs. at Oberlin. They seem to have enough to do in their new field, and find some encouragement.

I do not hear anything of the books etc. but suppose they will come in due time.

Begging you to excuse haste and to accept best wishes for the New Year,

I remain
Yours Truly
D. O. Beardslee

Rev. D. O. Beardslee
Jan 2/52.
Rec'd Apr.

Extract from plan of Union.

2. "All donations for the support of the mission whether in funds or goods . . . . . shall be reckoned as a part of the stipulated salary."

3 Salaries = . . .

R. H. Evarts — $450.00 Denning $330.00

S. T. Holcott 400.00. " " " "

"no more than $450.00 per annum be given to any minister, nor more than $400 per annum to a minister having less family than a wife and two children: not more than $400. from all sources be paid as the salary of any teacher; nor more than $300 of any male unmarried teacher; nor more than $200 of any female teacher."

9. "The missionaries and teachers under the direction of the Association shall do what may be in their power towards raising a part of their support from the people among whom they labor."

Special attention was called to this last article.

Approved by the Ex. Com. Sept 1847

Rev. A. D. Giles — $400.00

" S. T. Holcott — $400.

" L. Thompson 400.

" H. B. Hall 400.

" A. M. Richardson 450.

" F. M. Bray 400.

Appropriation per Report — 400.

$3030.00

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Mem. for W. J. Mispain

Mammee Hill
Nosely,
Near Hermitage,

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Oberlin Ohio June 16th 1862

Rev. Lee Whipple

Dear Sir — your letter of the 5th is mine. And I am not only interested, but very much pleased to learn that the Freedmen were induced to have the responsibility of my appointment, with yourself. I am not sure, I should shared better fate in their hands, than in his opinion. I have no evidence that they would even have received me, as the person in question. Based I appeared in their presence, & I am very glad they voted me out of their hands. I cannot say you by the venerable Committee are a cowering & unbelieving brethren.

Would now if a prince a failure what will you do? In what way will you dispose of me? With a knowledge of a case, that you might regard as unfavorable in any case I am the more surprised at your willingness to assume the charge of sending one to Jamaica. But the assurance, that you did assume the charge, & with all this in view, will add a double weight to any some misgivings in entering upon the work.

I shall know the favor of being permitted to enter upon that work I received directly from you, & this will also be an inducement to take hold, but I do fear a failure

Mrs M. Howe
Orange Ms
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I notice what you say about teaching the colored
carriers kind of work, some these things which you men-
tion I can do, & some I cannot. I should be quite delig-
ing to do something in that department of engineering.

Can you tell me something about the school I
am to engage in? I really hope it is in some new field.
I like to make a beginning, & then I might possibly
see some result. And who am I to be associated with?

You see I have almost any thing to learn, & if
you will just answer these questions, it will be one
lesson before me.

You inquire whether I shall need any
considerable outfit? I shall not. What I do
need, I choose to get in New York, & I wish to have
nothing sent me for that purpose. I suppose it can
make no difference of course. How soon will it be
necessary to be in N. Y.? How long shall I be like to be
on the passage? (I shall carry with questions)

Allow me to say this in regard to any planning
matter, you will not need to consult me, just
dispose of all that to suit yourself, & it will be
perfectly as I would have it.

In haste yours very truly
W. Hume

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Mico Institution
Kingston Jam.
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My dear Brother

I have just received the papers and your note for "Cherokee", for which I am much obliged. I do not know whether this will be in time for the Str but I hasten to say that you are at liberty to direct all parcels to me, for the Mission, "Care of Messrs. R. Hitchins & Co" and that I will attend to other matters for you as far as in my power. Dr. B. will close his present business in a few days – what his movements will then be I cant say.

I am sorry to say that Bro. Richardson has had

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another abscess since I wrote you & is still unable to attend to his pastoral labors. Other members of the Mission are well, as am I and mine —

Please present the enclosed to Mrs. Goff if in N.Y. when it arrives. She wrote me that she thought of coming to Jamaica. She desired me to send the Bill.

With love to all
Yours truly
J. O. Beardsley

Rev G. L. Whipple

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Rev. J. C. Meacuelle

Youngstown

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Kingston 15th Jan. 1852

My Friend Harned

your package by the Purser of the Cherokee came to hand this morning. you can continue to send parcels to my address until notifide to the contrary. I have no news to write. Mr Thompson was here yesterday & I had a letter from Mr Olds also. the members of the mission are all well except Mr Richards.

yours in haste

A. Barrett

Barrett
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Brainerd Station - Jam - January 21st 1872

~~Rev Geo Whipple - Cor Sec of A.M.A.~~

~~My Dear Brother~~

After so long a silence, you will expect from me, some statement respecting the condition & prospects of this Mission - When I wrote you last long - things were assuming a more hopeful aspect, & we felt greatly encouraged - Nor have we been disappointed ~~from that time forward~~, there have been manifest tokens of the presence of the Spirit of God, among our people - Its influences have distilled, softly & silently, like evening dew - upon the hearts of members - altho' it has been but a still, small voice, yet we trust it has been heard & heeded, by some, who were ready to perish - Our Sabbath congregations have been large, & the people have been solemn & attentive listeners to the preaching of the word - a church-meeting for conference & prayer, & a meeting of inquirers, for conversation & instruction, have constituted our weekly religious exercises. The average attendance upon the inquiring class, has been about 50 - several of whom, give good evidence of having truly submitted their hearts to God - others, are evidently in an interested, anxious state of mind - while a considerable number, I have reason to fear, have no realising sense of their lost condition; but are drawn in by curiosity, or a desire to be thot religious, so that they may get into the church - It should be borne in mind, that there is a prevailing desire, among the colored people here, to get into the ch - they have been taught to believe, that it is almost the gate

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of heaven; & there is a sort of feeling, that if they can only get into ~~the~~ it ~~church~~ & enjoy its ordinances, they shall be safe. Before Emancipation, it was quite common for Planters to have all their slaves baptised, & thus nominally introduced ~~into~~ the ch. as members. The "Ticket system", which is still practiced, by at least two of the leading denominations on the Island, has also fostered this feeling, & worked incalculable mischief to souls. If individuals, will only pay quarterly for their ticket, & attend the meetings preparatory to communion, they are entitled to a seat at the table, & are in good standing in the church. They learn to depend upon their tickets, rather than their lives for evidence of piety, ~~they~~ not unfrequently have them buried with the dead. Some time since, as I learn from good authority, a native preacher in this vicinity, took, from a bundle of tickets, laid upon the breast of a ~~dead man~~ corpse, about to be lowered into the grave, the last one received by the deceased, & addressing him, bade him present that, when he should arrive at the gate of heaven, & "Massa Jesus would open, & let him in!" I mention this fact, to show what superstitious, soul-destroying notions are instilled into the minds of this deluded people, by some who set themselves up as ~~native~~ preachers. But to return from this digression. I was saying, that the prevailing feeling is, a desire to become connected with the church. As missionaries, we feel bound to guard with a watchful, jealous eye its portals. And it requires great care & prudence, to prevent those from gaining admittance, whose hearts are unchanged, & who have no interest in the great atoning sacrifice. Nor has this care been exercised in vain. From what I know of the past history

of the churches connected with this mission, I believe that cases of excommunication, have been comparatively rare. ¶ Within the last 4 or 5 months, 23 individuals have been admitted to this church, mostly on profession of their faith - a large proportion of them are heads of families. Three or four of the most intelligent, promising young men in the congregation, are among the number. As I met them, from week to week, for conversation & instruction, I was often greatly interested & profited, by the answers they gave to questions, showing their knowledge of the dealings of God's Spirit with their souls. I will mention a single instance - I inquired of an aged female - who had been somewhat noted, for her quarrelsome temper & fiery tongue - whether she was not likely to exhibit the same unchristian spirit & temper as formerly? She promptly replied in the negative - I asked the reason why - Said she - "When de Lord take my heart, him wash it all up clean - all up clean, every bit!" a striking description of the process of turning a stony heart to flesh! Of the present state of interest in the congregation, I cannot speak definitely, not having been able to meet the people, for several weeks. I learn from the deacons, that there has been some increase of interest in the church, of late - Since I have been laid aside, they are waking up to a clearer sense of their individual responsibility. They begin to feel that they have a work to do, & that they cannot depend upon 'Minister' to do all - The meetings have been well attended, on the Sabbath, since they have been without preaching. Indeed, they have been much better sustained, than they are in most churches, at home, (at such times) so far as I have been acquainted. Br Beardslee, who supplied the pulpit one Sabbath, remarked that he had never seen a

larger Congregation gathered here, on any ordinary occasion- He also remarked that there was a larger proportion of young people, than in any other congregation with which he was acquainted, on the Island- ¶ Our Sab-School & Bible Class are quite interesting, & number about 140 members- But the Sab. School & ~~Sab~~ influences, are not all that is needed, in order to train up the rising generation here, to virtue & usefulness- there must be a wholesome, everyday influence, brot to bear upon these children- they must recieve daily instruction - line upon line & this they cannot obtain at home, for their parents are more ignorant than themselves- It can only be obtained, in a well-conducted week-day school- But we have no such school- We have been anxiously waiting for several months, for the teacher, you encouraged us to expect, last fall- How is it, that we hear nothing about their being sent? Can none be obtained? Then you had better recall your Missionaries- for I am satisfied, we can effect comparatively little, for the permanent good of this people, unless the rising generation can be educated. Nothing discourages us more, than the delay of ~~the Com. to send us~~ a supply of competent teachers- Can they not be obtained? Alas! for the missionary zeal of the pious young men & women in the American churches! We had made all our arrangements, to open a school at Fort Patience, with the opening of the year- We have already raised nearly $100, for the school by voluntary subscription, ~~for the school, the present year~~ much interest is felt, & great anxiety manifested- More will be given when the teacher comes- the people are almost impatient- But our hands are tied- Can you not meet this our pressing need? We ~~have~~ put a new roof on the Fort P- house & painted it & also the Chapel & our ~~own~~ dwelling- the external appearance of the Station, is very much improved- Pray for us, that our souls may be garnished, with all the graces of the Spirit. Yours, in Christ- Love. A. M. Richardson

I rec^d a few lines from Br Wolcott, last week, saying that Mrs W. had been sick two weeks, with bilious fever. She was slowly recovering, the last we heard. Have you made any appropriations for repairs here, as yet?

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Brainerd Station. Jam. Jany 18th/62

Dear Brother Whipple

When your letter of Dec 1st reached me, I was an invalid, unable to hold a pen, or sit up but little while at a time. This is the reason, I did not reply immediately. For 7 weeks past, I have been mostly confined to the house, & much of the time to the bed, with a large abscess or gathering of matter on my throat.

It was the effect of a change of climate, upon a bad humor, which has troubled me, ever since I had the Measles, when a small boy. The swelling extended from ear to ear, & filled out my throat, nearly even with my chin! It was painful in the extreme, so that I could get little rest, day nor night. I scarcely had my clothes off, during the whole time. was often obliged to sit in my chair or walk the room, most of the night. For 3 or 4 weeks I could scarcely eat at all. I lanced it several times & kept on poultices, & the amount of matter discharged was very great. As you may well suppose, it has reduced me down, until I am very weak. For a few days past, I have been gaining strength slowly, & am now just able to hold a pen, a few minutes at a time. It has been a sore trial to me, to be laid aside, at a time, when the calls for labor, seem more pressing than ever. But I feel that it has been ordered by Him, who doeth all things well.

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Altho' it has been, for the present, grievous, yet I trust it will be found, to have yielded the peaceable fruits of righteousness, in the end. ~~I feel that~~ I needed this affliction, to humble me & draw me nearer to God. I had felt, for some time, that the increasing labors & perplexing cares, connected with repairing the buildings, & putting the Station in order, were interfering with my devotional seasons, & destroying my relish for secret communion with God & His word. I knew it should not be, & mourned over it, but did not escape from it. I think now, that I over-tasked my physical energies, which resulted in a corresponding mental prostration, ~~that~~ which partially unfitted me, for closet duties. I assure you, my dear Br, I find it quite as needful, to watch & pray, in order to keep one's heart right, on missionary ground, as elsewhere. I ~~noted~~, I think we are in greater danger of neglecting our own hearts, in the multiplicity of our cares & labors for others. I have felt much of late, the importance of having God in us, in order that his blessing may attend our labors. ~~It seems to me, that~~ Nothing but the power of this all-conquering Spirit & grace, can enable us to accomplish aught for the salvation of this dark-minded people. O, that we might see the great power of God revealed, in His workings upon the hearts of this people! We need a pentecostal manifestation. Pray for us, that we may speedily enjoy, as a mission, a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. I thank you for the fraternal counsel, contained in your letter, & trust I shall heed it. I confess that I have been rather negligent about correspondence.

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It has not been intentional however- I had the other Breth- (who had been longer in the field, & were better acquainted with it) would keep you apprised of the general state of affairs, for I knew some of them were writing quite frequently- And as I had no news of special interest to communicate respecting Brainerd, I deferred writing, until such time as I might have something interesting to state- But if my life is spared, I will write oftener in future- The other part of your letter contained some intimations that rather troubled & perplexed me- I am not sure that I understand you- You speak as tho' I had failed, to fill the place & act the part, you had expected of me- I have not been very active, in taking the lead, in meetings of the Mission for this reason- I am comparatively inexperienced in the field- Others are my superiors both in age & experience- I felt that I ought to wait & learn- When asked to assume responsibility, I have never refused- I have always meant to express my opinion freely & frankly- Whenever I have found occasion to dissent from my Breth, I have not hesitated to do so- I trust you will always find me at the post of duty, whenever questions affecting the interests of the Mission, come up for decision- Perhaps, after all, you only meant to caution me, lest I might prove delinquent- If so, I thank you for it; & will try to remember it- While on this point, let me say, that it seems to me, the recent request of the Breth- to be permitted to open & occupy a station at Gordon Castle (Port Royal Mts) by dividing their labors, (should the Ex-Com- decide not to send an additional Missionary for that post) was rather a hasty, if not unwise, one- At first, I was disposed to think favorably of the plan-

But after more mature deliberation, I am satisfied it would weaken, rather than strengthen the mission. I think we have all plenty of work on our hands now. If not, there are destitute neighborhoods all around us, into which we can extend our labors, almost indefinitely. Gordon Castle is an important post, but unless reinforced, we have no labor to spare, to bestow upon it, at present. I have just had an interview with Br Thompson, & he agrees with the opinion above expressed. You will wish to know what has become of Mr Evarts, Dr Hoyde &c. they are residing about 20 miles from Brainerd. Sheave all been quite sick, much of the time since they went there. You probably are aware that Mrs Hoyde has buried her youngest child. Sheerself & both the other children, were quite feeble, when the Doctor went & brot them up here. they spent a week with us & several with Br Thompson. We offered to pay their expenses home, but Mrs H. could not be persuaded to go. She has now gone back. Dr Hoyde has dismissed Mrs E. from his bed, in a state of pregnancy! a most impressive comment upon the spiritual nature of their intercourse!! They are not agreed among themselves, & are in miserable condition. what the end will be, none of us can foresee. We are reaping sad fruit from the seed sown here, by them. Three of the most promising young women in our congregation have been seduced within a few months. One was a member of the ch. Another, was Dennis's sister in law, seduced by him, as you know! The ch. have taken a very decided stand, & we hope, by Lord's help, to stay the tide of licentiousness, & create a healthy public sentiment on this subject. My family are in usual health. Mrs R. joins in christian salutations.

Your Br in the Gospel. A. McRichardson

Rev. D. McCharen

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Hermitage Feb 5th 1852

Rev. G. W. Hipple,

Dear Brother

Some three weeks since I received yours of Jan. 6 informing us of the resolution of the Ex. Com. authorising us to open a Station at Gordon Castle. Sabbath before last I preached at G. C. to a good & apparently interested congregation, and informed them of your decision. On the 22d inst. Bro. Thompson & myself both propose to be there again, when we hope to come to some definite understanding, and make some definite arrangements with them for the future — we may conclude for a while only to take our turns in furnishing them a supply, tho it seems very desirable to occupy the place in full immediately. The brethren, Hall, Thompson & Richardson were with me yesterday with Mrs. H. & Mrs R. — All express a doubt about the propriety of leaving bro. Hall with Oberlin, Providence & Brandon Hill to look after, without some more efficient help. The fact is we do need Mr. May for Oberlin & bro. Hall to remain where he is — And then we want a good stirring man, full of a living gospel, for Gordon Castle — Can we have him? —

In regard to the expense attending the undertaking at G.C. we cannot speak with any definiteness. Much will depend 1st on the course pursued by Mr. Anderson, and 2d on the man stationed there. If Mr Anderson should be generous at all in proportion to his ability, & obligation as a Christian I am sure he may furnish a mission family with a residence at a very moderate price. He has a comfortable house on the property, and I should be greatly disappointed if he should ever see fit to occupy it personally. An occupant for the house who would keep it in good repair would be to him an advantage. As I hope to be able to speak of this matter more intelligently at a future time I forbear to say more at present. I trust the "confidence" you repose in us will not be abused.—

I might say that it is my opinion that whatever buildings it may be found necessary to erect need not draw on your treasury very largely. But for this as I have said much will depend on the man who shall go there.

I feel rather desirous to reply a little freely to your suggestions relative to the future condition of Jamaica and the interest & obligations of such as own property in the Island. In your proposing to us to consider these suggestions, to add to them and make a wise use of them in endeavoring

to secure local aid. You speak as would be wise to speak in view of the state of things in America, and seem to suppose that the same may be said in view of things as they are in Jamaica, while facts here are such as absolutely to forbid any such thoughts, except by comparison & contrast. If the proprietor were such as he should be it would be for his interest as you suppose; but as he is, the opposite is true. Slavery nominally is dead, but the spirit of slavery still lives, and it operates both upon proprietor & people as the messenger of death. Each seems not susceptible of any other idea than that of supreme selfishness. The action of each party upon the other is perfectly self destructive, and strange as it may seem the proprietor even can know no other law — his laborers must be virtually slaves — he will allow of nothing else. Now a christian freeman will not be a slave — nor will any man who begins to apprehend the nature & destiny of his humanity —

Hence to elevate the people as the faithful laborer of the Lord must endeavor to do, is to destroy the laborer for the proprietor as he is, and of course ruin his interests — he cannot make slaves of an elevated people — and so far as he has had an opportunity to try the experiment he well knows it. The missionary whose aim is to elevate need not expect much help from property owners.

Hence is the minister to find favor who will faithfully expound & make practicable the law "Servants, be obedient

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Feb 6th
Dr. Hoyt
cannot claim
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him go.

unto your own masters." but forgets its counterpart "Masters render unto your servants that which is just & equal" As a rule the influence of proprietors is to oppress & depress. — I doubt if you have or can have any adequate idea of the deep degradation of the people who are wholly or mostly proprietary labourers except by a personal observation. For the most part astonishingly incapable of mental ~~[illegible]~~ perceptions or moral impressions. Nineteen twentieths thieves, liars & adulterers As good it may be as their masters - tho they perhaps manage to appear in a more respectable dress. The master takes every possible advantage to defraud his servant, & the servant does his best to deceive, cheat and thieve from his master. Hence we must preach repentance to both, which to the master especially is not generally very acceptable. Indeed he is rather difficult of access.

Brother it is from no spleen that I say these things - but in truth & sober earnest - and in love & compassion for these lost sheep - O that you could be a missionary among us long enough to see what every one of us is obliged to see — Let me say as I meant to before, that as the people receive truly the gospel they make far better labourers, treated as freemen, but they will not be slaves.

Affectionately Yours
Seth T. Walcott

Rev. S. T. Walcott
Feb 5/1854
Rec'd Sept 1

Cedarville Feb 9th 1852 -

Rev. Geo. Whipple -

Dear Brother - I have now closed my tour in Oswego Co. Syracuse, & this place, having presented the cause of missions as I have had opportunity. I have not raised as much money as I ~~anti~~ticipated, but have obtained pledges to the amount of nearly $200. which I think will be realized as the result of my visit to my old friends - I have $25. in cash. I purpose to be in New York on Saturday & will give a more particular account, & also pay over the money ~~as rec~~ Shall I send my furniture to N.Y. this week? If so, please inform me at Albany as I purpose to return home tomorrow -

Yours truly G. M. Thayer

Please forward the American Missionary to
✓ Isaac Jewel, Scriba, Oswego Co. N.Y.
✓ Rev. Jesse Mattison, do. " " "
✓ Moses T. Meeker, Utica, Oneida Co. N.Y.
✓ Rev. Geo. M. Jenks, Frankfort, Herkimer " "

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Rev. J. M. May
Cedarville N.Y.
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Miss M. Howe
Hinsdale N.H.
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Mr Whipple Hinsdale N.H. Feb 10

Dear Sir Your letter of Jan. 29 I have rec'd. I design to remain here until I hear from you again. Your letter of 4th Jan. shows I still not misunderstand one point I would rather not understand. That was in reference to my health. The doubts expressed by your Com. I should have considered it a favor, had you seen fit to have kept that out of sight. And I am sensitive in regard to it, I am not without reasons for being so. I have long been very contending for that (health) cause which I not yet win here. I must say I have been managed legal enough, by having my health, by one, & another, made a hindrance & an obstacle. It must not have been so. It would have been my choice to have returned to my school at C. last Spring instead of coming East. That I was not allowed to do, I suppose I did need the change so-

for at the end of the summer I found I had been greatly benefitted in consequence of being water-d & when the rainy season came I did not see but that I was like to be found deranged, because health & life had once been in danger, & then you generally you fit & quote from that letter, just as if it might be quite applicable to my present state, and then last of all you have laid their objections on my miserable health, & really without you to ascertain (I suppose) whether I was so not in some disease which might be more pressing fatal, of course I was out of patience at the mention of ascertaining any such thing. They might have been more gracious, than to suppose I would offer them any opinion had I been in such a state. I should have been better prepared to meet any other objection than this, I should have had more patience at least. I have suffered enough from this.

And you may be sure I was relieved when I found you had dispersed of the arrangement & of myself also somewhere & somehow. And it was my own choice to take just the view of it I did, & not from anything I found in your letter.

I supposed you would see why I did it, just because I would, & my mighty reason you may think perhaps.

I don't know what you do expect me to say to this. I think it must be this you wish me to renounce your committee room. And I will do so, if they will not annoy me concerning health. I certainly would not have arranged you with all this, had you not doubted my understanding your letter, & as it proves I set you to understand me, & consider that for many long months I have not known what the head would have me do, & that I have been tired & tempted & hindered & very very hedged up by those my persons from whom I might have expected sympathy & aid in the enterprise work. And I have suffered from my own sin & unbelief as little as means. And I do not think I am permitted to have one alienating thought of accomplishing much even if I go to Jamaica. But I have found as better evidence, than any own desire for acceptance, the Saviour approves the offering, unworthy as it is, & whether I go to J. or not, it will still be acceptable, & I should not be greatly disappointed even if I

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Galesburg, Feb. 19th 1852.

To the Secretary of the A. M. A.

I am informed by Pres. Blanchard, who not long since sustained to me the relation of an esteemed instructor, that you are in need of teachers for the Jamaica mission, and would be pleased to open a correspondence with me upon that subject. After consideration, and with the advice of friends, I have concluded that such an arrangement would be agreable on my part, and at their suggestion, I take this opportunity to make some statements and inquiries.

The cause of missions has had a place in my memory and my heart, ever since I first thought I could call Jesus my Saviour, which was at the early age of eight years. He has done so much for me, by his Spirit and Providence, that I feel he has claims upon me as far-reaching as my life, my all, — such claims as demand self-denial and toil. Truly his Providence has led me by a way that I knew not, until I have been made willing, and more than willing, — yea, even to rejoice in anticipation of devoting my energies to the instruction of the benighted and perishing.

The last seven years of my life, have been devoted principally, to educational pursuits — teaching, and being taught. My resources, for the pecuniary means of education, have been my own labor, so that I have nothing of this world's goods laid by in store, and have nothing to offer but my unworthy self.

What labors would be expected of a teacher in the mission schools? What of the climate, particularly in regard to health? At what stations do the board design establishing schools? How soon would they wish teachers ready to embark? Any thing in regard to the mission, or the Island would be regarded as of interest to me.

I shall be happy to answer any inquiries in relation to myself. May God supply all your need by the labors of such as he will own and bless.

Yours.

Sarah Blakely.

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Fisk College
Feb. 20. 1882

Prof. Whipple,

Dear Brother, We are by God's gracious permission in the midst of a powerful revival of religion.

I cannot stop to read Miss Blakely's letter which she requests me to send you. She is far more than a common young woman — amiable, capable, correct, pious —

I wrote a day or two since to Brother Tappan about sending out Bro. Barber who writes me that the committee give him no assurance of an appropriation. It may be I am blind to the interest and prosperity of your association! I am sure some of us are. Your Brother in Christ

J. Blanchard

Tell your Committee that Bro. Steele stood firm for free missions and in his poverty rejected an offer of aid from the Am. Home Miss. Society from one whose applications for aid have always been honored. Steele is doing good at Knoxville

He is weak however and unless I think conscientiously that he is owned and approved of Jesus Christ in his labors I will not recommend him again. He ought to get the $100. Yours &c.

Rev. J. Manchester
Corr. Sec. Mass. Missionary
Feb 19/52

Rev. J. M. Gray
Albany, N.Y.
Feb 18/52.

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Albany Feb. 19. 1852 –

My dear Bro. Whipple.

On returning to Albany, I found the church, to which I formerly preach^d, in trouble – Their pastor Rev. Mr. Magee, strangely, for good reasons! left, suddenly, for the west. On learning that I should, probably, not sail for Jam^ca before the two coming sabbaths, they have, in church meeting, last evening, unanimously requested me to supply their pulpit. Rev. Luther Lee, who was present, said he would fullfil my engagement in N. Y. & take a collection for the Miss^ns so^c a week from next sabbath, & I have presumed it to be my duty to remain with the church here the two coming sabbaths – unless an opportunity presents for going to Jamaica –

I shall, however, have my goods all packed, & hold myself in readiness to leave immediately on being notified by you. It is getting late in the season, & I desire to be there soon as practicable to make a little garden &c. And, I presume it will be for the interest of the mission to have the appointment supplied soon. If you deem it <u>important</u> for me to be in N. Y. as was arranged, next week, I will come, on your giving me notice. If not, I will be there, God willing, one week from Monday, or Tuesday. — When you write, please inform me about those little matters, spoken of in your office. — Peace be with you.

Yours truly P. M. Way

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Shullsburg, Feb. 21. 1852

Rev. Geo. Whipple.
Corresponding Secretary,
of American Mis. Board.

Dear Brother,

Hearing there is great need of more missionaries in Jamaica, I joyfully offer myself to your Board as a teacher to that island. If you send me though but a feeble agent, by the help of God I will do all I can. I never expect to reach heaven on "flowery beds of ease", and shall go (if sent) anticipating the work to be hard and difficult. Sometimes when I think of the responsibilities of missionaries, I feel "who is sufficient for these things?" but the response is "our sufficiency is of God," and if any ought to have laborious work to do, it is myself, for I am a very great debtor to grace, and the love of Christ constraineth me. I feel it an imperative duty to go; and I am also looking forward to the recompense of reward which "Our Father" giveth to the faithful. My choice among the mission stations has been the Ningpo missions, China, till my

acquaintance with Miss. Dean, she has caused me to feel much interested in the dusky sons of Jamaica, and now I want to go and teach them. They seem to be so very destitute. I have excellent health, and a strong constitution. God seems by his providence to have been preparing me for this work, by seperating me from my parents most of the two past years. I do feel willing to take a final leave of all my dear friends to tell of our Savior in heathen lands, and I sincerly hope you will send me with Mis Dean when she returns, I think she leaves in April. I hope you will reply soon as possible. If you do not send me now, I shall not relinquish the idea of engaging in this glorious work sometime, for it is my duty, yea, wo is me if I shrink from it. An immediate reply will oblige,

Your Sister in Christ

Maria A Hicks

Brother Whipple

I have become acquainted with Miss Hicks the past few months & think she manifests a genuine missionary spirit. Her parents are both christians, & she has a brother preparing for the ministry at Beloit College. Miss Hicks is amiable in her disposition & I'm told bears reproof with child like humility. I have been praying the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers & I trust Miss H. is one he has made willing. Yours for Jamaica Mary Dean

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Shelbyville Feb 21st 1872

Dearly beloved Brethren

I take great pleasure in recommending Miss Maria Hicks to your particular notice. She is a member of my Church at Shelbyville. She has always given decided evidence of piety & a free Missionary spirit, She has a good mind & her general qualifications are good. She is young in years but has had much experience & is a most excellent teacher & as such I feel safe in recommending her to you as a fit teacher for the field

Per Rest of Solemn has known her from a child but he is absent & therefore cannot advise anything If he had been at home he would recommend her still more highly

Yours in the bond of X John Reynolds

Miss M. A. Hicks
Miss M. Dean
Rev J. Reynolds
Shelbyville
2/24/72
Corr

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Galesburgh Feb. 28. 1852

Rev. Geo. Whipple

I have the pleasure of renewing our early acquaintance by introducing to you favorable notice as Corresp. of the Mission board Miss Maria Rich who designs as I am informed to go out as a teacher to some foreign field I can say all in her favor that can be said of any person of her age I became acquainted with her nearly a year ago I saw that she possessed such a christian devoted missionary spirit that I felt it a pleasure in aiding her some in her studies I never met with one that I have our nation that had such a missionary spirit & was willing to forego more privations than Maria. She is a girl of good character, deep piety, of a good education, good health, & devoted to the work. & if your board have need of teachers I think you will run no risk in giving her a commission

My family have resided in Ghent which you remember my wife Eleanor Atherton & have seven children living. I have had some very interesting meetings this winter and am

engaged in a very precious revival of religion in Galesburgh. We have some 200 in inquiry in our inquiry room, and upwards one half are converted. The college and academy are sharing richly in the work. Since writing the above I have had a conversation with Mrs. Blakeley and Mr Bascom pastor of the Cong. church here and they seem anxious that Miss Hicks, Miss Dean and Miss Blakeley from this place should go together, as they all wish to go to Canada, perhaps the arrangement can be made. They both speak of Miss Blakeley as a superior girl. I had my ordination in Peoria and return to my family the 8th of April.

Yours in Christ

O. Parker

Per Geo. Whipple

Rev. O. Parker
Galesburgh
Feb 28/52
Inf. Hicks

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No. 4.

Summer Hill Feb 28th 1852

Dear Dr. Whipple

In the March number of the American Missionary I notice an earnest appeal from the Rev. A. M. Richardson for a teacher for the Jamaica Mission, Brainerd station. The editor makes the following remark respecting it. We hope the closing appeal will reach some well qualified teacher who will offer his services to supply the pressing want. I do not know that I can call myself well qualified for such a responsible station but if my services will avail, I respond "Here am I send me."

In order that you may judge of my qualifications I will simply say that I have taught school, in this state, four winters and in Ohio, two. During both of the latter I taught colored children. So you see that I am not unaccustomed to colored people nor to teaching colored children. I was a member of the Sophomore class Oberlin College in the spring of 1850 At which time I was obliged to discontinue my studies on account of ill health. Prof. Dascomb said that my complaint was an affection of the liver induced by to close application to study. I have not entirely

recovered from it yet but I am so much better that I had contemplated returning to Oberlin as soon as practicable the coming spring and resuming my studies. I am not married as you will probably infer. My age is 26 years.

I have been thus particular respecting myself that you might not err in your decision concerning me. I shall gladly "give up idol hopes" if I may but further the kingdom of my Lord.

Yours for the cause of Christ
Addison Moffat

Addison Moffat
Summer Hill N.Y.
Oct 28/52.
R. O. Cook Esq
Offers himself as a teacher
for Freedmen's Farm.
Was a member of Seventh
Corp Oberlin 1850 & performed
all student's duties & office of Sergeant.
Lived near Oberlin.
Has taught & claims
duly credited.

Rev. J. C. Beaverlee
Kingston March 8/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-1988
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Miss Institution
Kingston 8th March 1852

My Dear Bro. Whipple

Hoping to be in time for the Str now in port, I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 27th Ult. together with Sundry Books and the dress.—all in good condition. I find on my list of orders to Bro. Hamed the following not yet sent viz:

25 lbs Babbitt's Soap Powder
1 doz (say ½ doz) Bullion's Latin Reader
1 doz—(" " ") Greek Ollendorf By Prof. Kendrick of Rochester University
1 Copy Mother's Magazine

The above I would like to have forwarded by first opply, and would like also a statement of my account to date. I believe there has been no settlement between us since the Eight Dolls paid you by Mr. Maw. Mrs. Goff informs me that she has paid you a small amount $13. I think, which I paid here for Erecting or rather for carriage of Frank's Tomb Stone to Brainerd. After settling my Bills, you may give Bro. Wolcott an order on me, if you choose, for the Balance. Will you please state just how Mrs. W. used the Soap Powder, giving proportions & particulars.

I do not know how to meet your wishes

in regard to packages better than by having them sent to me care of Messrs R. Hitchins & C. who are consignees of the Shs. touching here. They have consented to receive them and I think there will be no difficulty. When you pay for packages send a receipt enclosed to me per mail and I shall be prepared to meet any further demand.

In regard to Mrs. H. I see no way of altering present arrangements. I do not know on just what terms they are all living, but, she went back to them of her own accord, & there remains. I do not think she has had any objections to living with the Dr. whenever he chose to receive her. I have had no recent intelligence from or concerning them.

Many thanks for your attention to the drafts: It now gives entire satisfaction, & Mrs. B. joins her thanks with mine for the favor.

I could wish that some things published at home in regard to the Amer Mission to this Island were omitted. Such a statement as this for instance "that this Island must be supplied with the gospel by American Missionaries" or to that effect is calculated to raise a bad feeling towards the brethren among those of other Societies. The gospel is preached, and preached faithfully by other Missionaries, and there are a few, at least, as self-

Mr Dunham is very poorly & I fear will not

denying as they. There have been other things equally objectionable. They may produce a certain effect at home but they dont take well in Jamaica.

The Island is in a very depressed state just now and all are alive to the work of laying their grievances at the foot of the throne, particularly asking for protection against Slave grown produce. Free labor in the Colonies cannot compete with Slave labor – this has been shown most clearly. I believe under a different system of Cultivation & with a resident proprietary body, who would manage their own affairs, a different state of things might be brought about, but still it is doubtful whether prosperity could be restored except at a far distant day. Agricultural & commercial distress will affect other interests – the people will be less able to sustain the Gospel & Education and if the Missionaries are not willing to live more after the pattern set by Christ & the apostles the people must perish for lack of vision.

I do not however, fear so much for the Spiritual interests of the country, as I think adversity will teach lessons, & make revelations of character that will be of the greatest service.

But I must close –

Yours affly
C. O. Beardsley

Mary Denham is very poorly & I fear will not live long.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Where are Bro. Ney and the expected teachers? You did not speak of them in your last & we see nothing of them.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1989
FISK UNIV.

Eliot March 10 1852

Mr William Harned

Dear Sir

The members of our mission are in want of three cooking stoves. We have decided to get some like one which Brother Thompson has. The "Improved Kitchen Companion" We do not know what no to order as we do not know whether no ~~X~~ one is the largest or the smallest size. But the one which Mr Thompson is No 5. & we have decided to take those that are one size larger than No 5

We wish, besides the ordinary furniture, three joints of pipe & one elbow for each stove. And if they can be obtained a duplicate of the loose top. (that is the four covers & the two pieces that go between them)

If the kind & size specified cannot be obtained please do not send any stoves, until we send ~~another~~ further directions. Please charge the cost of the stoves, if sent, to me through the treasurer of our mission. Dr Barrett will send with this, directions for shipping the stoves.

I am, Yours truly &c

Heman B Hall

H. B. Hall

Jamaica
W. I.

3/10/52

Order for Stoves

" " " Jc. P. M. Way

Eliot 10th March 1852

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Lewis Tappan Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Dr. A. Barrett for the sum of four hundred dollars, in three separate drafts, viz. two for one hundred & fifty dollars each, and one for one hundred dollars; all, fifteen days from sight — Please favor the same with your acceptance, as usual, and oblige the Jamaica Mission.

I am Respectfully Yours
Seth T. Walcott

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Rev. S. F. Wolcott
Eliot Church.

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Eliot 11th March 1852

Rev. Geo. W. Whipple,

Dear Brother,

This day closes the semi annual meeting of our association & mission; and I hasten to lay before you in behalf of mission as follows.

1st Resolved, that we recommend to the Ex. Com. of the A. M. A. the payment of one hundred and fifty dollars for the present year (commencing with Jan. 52) to C. B. Venning, employed as an assistant in our mission.

I am instructed also respectfully to solicit on ofs of the brethren of the mission, the temporary loan of one hundred & fifty dollars for the purchase of books & stationery for our schools — to be paid to the order of Dr. Barrett whom we have authorised to make our purchase through his agent in New-York, provided you accept our proposal. — (you may look for the order for the purchase, from Dr. B's agent very soon)* — We wish we were able of ourselves to meet this — we would not give you trouble with it.

Dr. B. proposes to do our business, furnishing us at wholesale prices, for a commission of 5 per cent where we advance the money.

I have this day drawn on Mr. Jackson for $400 — in three separate drafts, two of $150 each, & one $100 — to meet the present quarter's salaries —

I shall transmit to Mr. Harned very soon my quarterly report &c. and instructions particularly in reference to our mails [papers letters &c] —

We have received the goods packages &c. sent last month. — We shall farther investigate matters with Mr. Anderson & Gordon Castle — perhaps Mr. A's course will make it expedient for us to withdraw Expense from brotherly

I am affectionately yours
Seth T. Wolcott —

*We pledge repayment during present mission year

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Mch 11/52

W. Com
Evening.
Advance.

Prof J. Dascomb
Mch 12/52

Package 3

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1992
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin March 12th 1852

Dear Bro. Whipple

Yours of March 3rd has been in hand several days. I well remember Addison Moffat, and have a favourable impression respecting his christian character and influence. Have no distinct recollection respecting the cause of his ill health, though I remember he talked with me about it.

1 His christian character was unimpeachable when he was here. I think his standard of piety was high. I know nothing of his church relations.

2 Natural talents not above mediocrity, temper mild & agreeable.

3 As to his progress in study I cannot speak from my own observation. Prof. Cudner says rather slow. Prof. Fairchild says about medium. We know nothing of him as a teacher.

4 In respect to common sense, discretion & prudence, my association with him was not intimate enough to form a decided opinion. I know nothing unfavorable in these particulars.

5 & 6 With respect to disposition for improvement, industry & perseverance, our opinion is far

vorable. Prof. Hudson however suggested a doubt in respect to his perseverance:- perhaps simply from the fact that he did not complete his course of study.

7 I know nothing in particular respecting his ability to acquire influence over other minds. My impression is that he did not rise much above mediocrity in his class in this respect.

8 His personal appearance is rather prepossessing— his manners I should think unexceptionable.

9 We know of no peculiarity of body or mind which either fits or unfits him in any very remarkable manner for the work of a missionary teacher. Our impression on the whole is favorable.

Prof. Morgan does not recollect him.

I think he boarded with Prof. Thome a part of the time while he was here; and I have taken the liberty to send your letter to Mrs. T— & have requested him to communicate with you on the subject. His opinions will be more reliable than mine.

Yours in love

Jas. Dascomb

P.S. We seem not to be done with changes in Oberlin. Little did I think when I came home from Michigan, where I had spent the winter vacation, that we should be boarders in the Hall at this time. But so it is. Wife gets along pretty well I believe so far. We have rented our house to Henry Peck till Commencement.

Every thing is moving on pleasantly in the College. About $40000 of the endowment fund has been collected or secured by mortgage; and the agents are pushing the work forward. Day before yesterday 430 students had settled their bills at the office; and the number is daily increasing. I have no fear however that we shall be "swamped", as some of our folks have feared.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Whipple. I hope she will write often, though she may fail to get regular returns. I fear Miss. Dascomb will get little time for writing, while she has the supervision of between 200 & 300 young ladies.

It seems that Prest. Mahan is not to be Prest. of the Cleveland University after all. Four of the Professors at Western Reserve College have resigned from dissatisfaction with Prest. Pierce.

J. D.

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Summer Hill March 13 1862

Dear Br Whipple

Yours of the 3rd inst came to hand last evening. Cheerfully and as in the presence of him to whom I must give account I proceed to reply to your inquiries

1. Ten years ago last month I gave God my heart and acknowledged my faith in Christ before the world.

2. I am now a member of the Congregational Church in Oberlin O.

3. To the doctrines and practices of said church I take no exceptions as far as I understand and know them.

4. They have been very various. O that they had been as a steadily increasing light! But doubtless you desire me to be more definite. At my conversion I did not experience those rapturous emotions that some manifest on passing from darkness to light; but a sweet peace a heavenly calm took possession of my soul. Sin appeared exceedingly sinful. The Lord Jesus — O how precious. Soon however roots of bitterness springing up began to trouble me. I longed to be pure — holy

that I might be very useful. My attention was turned to my dear brothers and sisters all of whom, seven in number, were at that time in the broad way that leads to destruction. The Lord heard my prayers in their behalf. Some of them are now christians. Those that are not appear to be seriously inclined. May they soon be led to taste and see how good the Lord is. I have reason to believe that others also have been spiritually benefited by my labors. I do not say this boastingly. Suffer me — you desire it, to say that I have acted in the capacity of scholar, teacher, and superintendent in Sab. Bath Schools. Also as class leader in the M. E. Church to which body I united myself soon after my conversion. The practice of daily reading the scriptures, meditating therein and secret prayer, I have continued, as far as practicable, ever since my conversion and with very great spiritual profit. I have no doubt. If I am become a fool in glorying this is my apology — ye have compelled me. See 2 Cor. 12: 11

5. I love God. I love his word, his works, his ways. I love to labor to bring rebellious man back to allegiance to his gracious and rightful Sovereign.

6. Farming principally. Since I was nineteen years old I have taught school winters with but one exception. I was at Oberlin as I before stated three years. The two last summers I have worked on a farm. I spo'd

have stated perhaps that this last winter I have been living with an uncle attending to the usually necessary winter business on a farm.

7. It is my desire and purpose to labor permanently in the mission field Providence permitting.

8. I do hope to be able to teach in a warm climate and yet I have sometimes been afraid that I should not be able to endure it long. I never have consulted a physician respecting the effect of a warm climate on my disease.

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9. I have as you will see by referring to the answer to your 4th question

10 I would willingly devote my life to teaching but if I can be more useful as a minister I will endeavour to enter the ministry.

11 I am under no engagement expressed or implied with a view to marriage. I have feared to do so lest I should thwart the designs of Providence concerning me. Often have I longed for a kindred spirit and my nature seems to demand a female companion; if therefore the Executive Committee in their wisdom would permit I would seek a help meet to accompany and to aid me in my labors for the good of those precious souls in Jamaica. I shall however cheerfully acquiesce in what they may deem proper.

Testimonials of character will be forwarded as soon as practicable. Your brother in Christ Addison Moffat

A. Moffatt
Summer Hill
Mch 9/13/52

Miss M. Moore
Winsdale
March 15/52

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Winsdale March 15

Dear Sir

You will, I think allow me to say that I have been waiting some weeks for some word from you and having received none I concluded I need not trust myself in waiting longer supposing that you will send one and to the Indian at this season of the year was too long a month to come.

I have been requested by the teacher at Tuscarawas Orphans to supply her place for a few months, & I design to leave Winsdale to morrow morning for that place and for that purpose

Yours sincerely
Mo. Moore

For
Rev. Geo Whipple
New York

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-1995
FISK UNIV.

Rev. J. T. Wolcott
Mean 15/52

Hermitage March 15/52

Revd G. Whipple

My dear Brother.

I hastily penned a note to you on the 11th inst. notifying you of drafts of same date to meet demands of present quarter – asking a loan for purchase of books &c. — As I have arranged apos & prepared a letter which I am about to send to bro. Hearned I thought I would just slip in an additional note to you.

A word in reply to an expression of doubt about the expediency of our new plan of conducting schools, We agree fully with your observation that "All who can should bear a part of the burden of sustaining schools," and to bring all who can to our aid is one reason for the adoption of our plan. We have deeply felt the necessity of a nobler & stronger motive to which we could appeal than a man's interest merely in his own child – now we have it. Who prays for school now, prays not for his own particular good only, but purchases a boon for the community if he can be made to feel it. Thus we create a tendency to enlarge the heart – to ennoble the man.

Be assured, we intend to let no man off who receives the benefit, & is able, who is not willing for the love of money to make himself look mean even in his own eyes. We have not made much headway yet for want of teachers. Only Devon Pen, Eliot & Providence have schools

Mrs. Thompson is yet teaching at Eliot. The School at D. P. is prospering under bro. Denning, more than ever before - The congregation too is becoming more interesting. All seem well pleased with bro. D - I continue to meet the people at Ho. & D. P. alternately as formerly, holding service at Chesterfield in the morning, the same day I am at D. P. Bro. D. officiates on the Sabbath intervening so that we have worship at D. P. every Sabbath. I may say that bro. D - has again the confidence of the mission and we recommend him cheerfully to the support of the Ex. Com. as a man better than ever before prepared for his work.

Messrs Hyde & Co. seem to be entertaining the question of making a journey to Mecca. That is, they seem impressed with the duty of making a tour through the Mission, and exercising duly their peculiar prophetic gifts, to the great mortification of the flesh. Mr. & Mrs. H. have made the tour separately. We look for Mr. Evarts next. Mrs. E. is about to be confined with child by Dr. Hyde. We treated Mr. & Mrs. H. with a bare the kind hospitality when at Shermitage I gave them a simple, plain declaration of sentiment marqued and cut short at once all palaver on their part. Their stay of course was not long. I have not time now for more -

We now look daily for Mr. Way. She will most likely go to Oberlin - Pray for the reviving of pure religion among our people. It is a most difficult thing to beget in the people a conviction of sin. In much haste Yours

Seth T. Walcott -

Albany March 15. 1852

Bro. Whipple -

The condition of the river is such that it is very doubtful whether I can get my goods to the R. R. Depot before Tuesday or Wednesday night. Which would delay their arrival in N. Y. until Wednesday or Thursday. Will the Boy sail on Wednesday? Or, should she be longer delayed? - If she does not come before Thursday noon, I can get them there by railroad in time - If not till Saturday, or even Friday, of this week, I can send them down by steamboat - Please say, by telegraph, the time she will positively sail & I can calculate accordingly -

It will be much less expense & trouble if I can send my goods down by steam boat

All well - haste - yours truly P. M. Way -

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P. M. May
Albany
Mch 9/52

Johnson.

Bring your family & goods here
as soon as pross

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Ohio City March 17 1852

Dear Brother Whipple

Dr Dacomb has just forwarded to me a letter from you to him, containing inquiries relative to Bro. A. Moffat. The Dr. has referred to me because bro. M. was in our family sometime at Oberlin.

It being some four or five years since we had opportunity to know the brother my judgement concerning him cannot be worth much. I can say however in general that we had a favorable opinion of Moffat, which was not lessened, but rather increased by his stay, of perhaps a year, with us.

1 His christian character & church standing were decidedly good. He was devoted, exemplary & faithful; an extraordinary young man in respect to piety.

2 Natural talents good — a quick, sprightly mind, not remarkable for vigor or originality — a practical ready mind: temper mild, kind, equable, rather feminine, affectionate, confiding.

3 As to his progress in study I have no means of judging as he did not write to me. Of his aptness to teach I have no certain knowledge. I should presume he was not deficient.

4. In common sense (a rare endowment by the way) he was not uncommon either way. he had not a very large stock, at the same time was not remarkably destitute. When we knew him he was somewhat grim, & quite zealous, & sometimes expressed chimerical notions & did & said whimsical things. But he was easily convinced & influenced. I presume he has, in five years, gained in respect of "common sense, discretion & prudence."

5. He has a strong disposition for improvement — is inquisitive, observant, & mentally active, & has a healthful impulse to self improvement in his earnest desire to be prepared to do good — which, I think, is a passion, as well as a principle, with Mr. Moffat. He is among the most disinterested, self denying, conscientious & trustworthy young men we ever had in our family at O.

6. He is industrious, in practical matters, more than in study; & I should think would be persevering.

7. He would acquire influence over young minds, & unsophisticated warm hearted people — not much on thinking men, or rough headstrong natures, unless in the way in which woman exerts influence over such, by gentleness & love — of which Moffat has a goodly share.

8. His personal appearance is favorable. He has a frank open countenance, expressive of the childlike simplicity & goodness which characterize him.

9. I should think him better fitted to be a teacher than a Minister; & especially fitted to be a

teacher among the Negroes of Jamaica

To the measure of his ability, you would have no more faithful or trustworthy teacher. From his impressible, confiding & ardent nature I should apprehend that he might rather easily be misled by stronger minds into Enthusiasm or Fanaticism; & consequently if the Quasy among the Jamaica brethren has not been wholly Extirpated, he might be in danger of falling into that Snare.

I think of nothing further to add.

We are slowly progressing in Ohio City.

I received your reply to my letter Enclosing the funds for your Association. May Heaven prosper your Mission Cause.

Wm T. sends love to Wm H.

Very Truly Your Brother

S. A. Thome

Rev George Whipple
New York

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Rev. J. A. Thome
Ohio City Mch 27/52
Mr Moffat
Com.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston 22d March 1882

Rev. & Dear Sir.

The Members of your Mission here requested me to ask you for 4 doz of the Ohio Harmonist to be sent with the ~~other~~ Books ordered by the School association.

you will understand how these are to be paid for. if paid for at all. I had no instructions in relation to the pay. If you send them, send to my agent Mr Way. he will call on you and will forward them with the books

Very truly yours A Barrett

W. Barnett
Kingston
3/22/52 Jan
about Music Books.

M. A. ARCHIVES
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Shullsburg March 24th 52

To the Rev G Whipple

Dear Bro Mrs Hicks

Recd yours of the 8th & 10th which she handed to your humble servant to answer

I will just remark that I was much pleased with some of the questions in the letter of the 8th & have answered those questions, & strict regard to those answers will save the society much expence & more trouble

As to the letter of the 10th the apology was not called for

My own opinion ~~right~~ Mrs H is that she is just fit for that particular work in that particular field

The reason for such an opinion is to be found in the answers to the questions of the 8th

1 ~~She is Christian~~ Character & standing is good
2 Her natural talents, good, Temper, good
3 Her judgment discretion & common sense is far beyond her age
4 Literary attainments, she has a good English education, & a happy faculty of imparting instruction.

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5 as to diligence in the improvement of time, and of opportunities of usefulness, she has but few equals

6 Her personal appearance, manners & address are quite different to Miss Dean. Miss H has had opportunities that Miss D. never had
She is quite good looking & graceful in her address

7 I know of nothing in her character, habits, or constitution indicating unfitness for Jamaica but on the contrary, it is my opinion that she is by habit & constitution fitted to labour in a tropical climate

Miss H wishes me to notice that her age is 19, that she has been connected with the Church 6 years, belongs to the N.S. branch of the Wesleyan ch & has no objection to any of its doctrines, & further that she knows of nothing that will be likely to limit the time of her being employed as a teacher & that she can start for her field of labour in three days from the time of receiving notice

Nashville

My Dear Brethren

I have a few words to say on the subject of sending her just now. When she first wrote to be employed by you we all understood that the call was urgent & that there was no probability of obtaining laborers or the application would not have been made. I have already said that I think she is just fit for that field & for that work & yet I do think if you can obtain from any other quarter teachers that you can depend upon you had better send them, she is quite young, & it would be better if she could finish her education.

Yours fraternally John Braynard

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Rev. J. Raynard
Shullsburgh
March 24/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2000
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Galesburg March 25. 1862

Rev. G. Whipple

Sir

Your communication is just received and I hasten to reply. The toils and privations you speak of, I do not mentally shrink from. When I gave myself up to the missionary work, I did not anticipate ease, or worldly delights. I expected perhaps my lot would fall among the most degraded of earths millions. My decision in regard to this matter, has not been the result of a day or of a year, neither has it been made without much pleading at the mercy seat for the guidance of that Spirit whom I expect to go with me, and without whose assistance I know I can do nothing for Christ, and the salvation of souls.

My fears and distrusts are in my own weakness and my own want of wisdom; and were it not that I know I can have strength in Christ, and have wisdom for the asking, I should not dare to entertain any thought of occupying so responsible a situation. If Jesus has guided me in my decision I feel assured he will sustain me, and if he grants me strength of body and of mind, and his spirit dwells within me, what ~~can~~ need I fear?

My age is 28 january last. Circumstances beyond my control prevented me from completing my course of study sooner. In regard to my religious activities I will speak frankly, since you inquire, though I have nothing to boast of, and much to be ashamed of. At the early years of

which I mentioned in my former, I commenced praying in female prayer meetings, and with my parents at the domestic altar, and never since do I recollect of having refused to engage audibly in prayer when called upon, and scarcely ever have I refrained under any circumstances, to open my mouth in this exercise, where propriety and duty seemed plain to me.

I have to some extent endeavored to speak a word for Christ, particularly for the last few years, on all suitable occasions, encouraging my christian associates in their labors for Christ, admonishing the straying, and striving to lead the impenitent to Jesus— I say to some extent, yet alas! how many favorable opportunities I have let pass away unimproved. My heart is pained at the thought. I speak of these only as outward activities, ~~and~~ while perhaps the great searcher of hearts has often seen me actuated by other than pure motives in these very things. Yet he has condescended to let one so unworthy know that a blessing sometimes has attended her efforts. All the benevolent operations of the day have had my sympathy, my prayers, and cooperation in some degree.

I know of nothing now to hinder me from spending my life in teaching should my health be spared,— indeed it is my expectation should Providence favor me in the undertaking.

In regard to my health I also wish to speak frankly. I never regarded myself as possessed of a

very strong constitution so as to endure what some will say, yet for eight years I have had no settled sickness, and never had a settled fever or lung disease. With care and prudence I think my health is becoming more and more firm from year to year. The change from New York to this place, which I made two and a half years since, I think was favorable. The winters here are shorter than in N. Y. and the long mild season I like much.

So much for my having tried a warm climate. I never have had any greater trial than this. Warm weather does not oppress me as it does some, or even the majority of people. I do not recollect that I have been laid aside from active employment a whole day, for a year and a half past spring and summer I taught twenty weeks in succession. Teaching agrees with my constitution much better than household duties. Health was a particular item in considering Jamaica as a field for me. From the above considerations, I thought probably I did as fair to enjoy health there, as those possessing a more robust frame.

I think I should have no fears in teaching domestic economy, unless it might be the weaving, as I have had exercise and practice in almost every department.

I believe that my opinions fully agree with the doctrines taught and received by the congregational and Presbyterian churches. My early education certainly was strong in this direction.

There is another item which has just occurred to me that it may not be amiss to mention. In the course of my teaching I have been in the habit of reading the scriptures and praying in my school. Meetings for religious worship have always called me there, unless I thought duty detained me; particularly meetings for prayer and conference in the church and the social circle, have been my cherished places of resort. It rather gives me pain than otherwise, to speak so freely of my own doings, but I am confident you want it, therefore I cheerfully give them, in spite of my feelings.

When I first wrote to you I did not suppose you would get me to be ready for Jamaica before Autumn, if you received my application favorably. But on learning that Miss Dean expected to leave this spring I thought perhaps if you should see fit to send me, you would desire me to go then. By the way, through the kindness of a friend in correspondence, Miss Dean wrote to me. Her favor I received a few days since. Though I am entirely unacquainted with her I should prize her society on a trip to Jamaica since she has spent some time there. For several weeks I have been expecting a reply from you at every mail, and by the date of this you will see that yours of March 8th has been a long time in reaching me; — more than twice as long as it could have been at some seasons of the year. It now seems almost impracticable for me to be ready by the first of May, for the reason that I must visit my parents in Pa. on my way. They reside in Gainesville Wyoming Co. about 23 miles south of Utica, and I cannot think of spending less than a week or two with them. But if it should seem very desirable on your part to send me then, it is possible that I might make arrangements to go, provided you could telegraph to Peoria immediately on the reception of this, or if sailing was deferred a week. If I do not go this spring I wish to stay in Ill. and teach; and it seems exceedingly desirable that I hear from you soon.

If you should desire further information or testimonials in regard to me, than what Prof. Blanchard has given, or may give, I refer you to Rev. J. M. Bolton Pastor of the congregational Church in Gainesville, of which church I was a member for 18 years, 14 of them, while he was pastor; also R. D. Bassom, Pastor of the church here.

Yours in the cause of Missions.

Sarah Blakely.

Miss S. Blakely. Galesburg Mch 25th

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIVERSITY

Bro. Whipple Will please purchase & forward

1 Cook-Stove & furniture

1 Bedstead

1 Large rocking chair

1 Nest of Tubs - for washing etc -

Do as you please about sending a sofa -

Perhaps it will be as well to send one -

March 27. 1852 Yours truly - S. M. Gray

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2001
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2002
FISK UNIV.

Kingston 22d March 1852

Friend Harned

Why do you sed your parcels to Mr Beardslee? If I should decide to leave Kingston, I shal let you know in time, and inform you how to direct your communications But if you are dissatisfied with me, or my arrangements, ask your Missionaries here, what you are to do, but dont send to Mr Beardslee without their consent, I care nothing about it, but I know they do not like it, Now if you send the Stoves to Mr Hall, ship them to me Marked thus. Stoves.

A. Barrett Kingston Jamaica

then write me by first steamer and Inclose the Bill (or Invoice) of the Stoves and the Bill of Lading to me (Not to Mr Hall) and then send duplicates of them to me by the Sailing vessel that brings the Stoves, now observe

Mr Beardslee
Kingston
Shipping directions

this order at all times when you send any thing to any of the missions I must have the bill or invoice myself, and I must present it at the custom house, and take my oath that it is correct, your letter saying that the cost is abought so much is not satisfactory, and a statement that it is clothing &c. dont do. it must be ~~shoes~~ 6 pair shoes at ~~so~~ much a pair 6 pairs Indenubber shoes at so much and so many blankets at so much &c, if you have no bill of them, you must make one, and put a value to each article. almost every thing pays a differant duty, and then I want duplicate bills in case of detention or miss carriage, I do not write thus by way of finding falt, but to let you know how the business aught to be done, I know that it will give you some trouble. and hereafter I shal try to relieve you as much as possible by having my agent Mr Hay attend to these things.

Very truly yours

A Barrett

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2003
FISK UNIV.

Mendon March 24 1862

Dear Brother Harned

I herewith send you the account of what I have received, that it may be acknowledged in the American Missionary in due time. I am going so soon to N.Y. that I have concluded to take the money myself rather than run the risk of sending it. Besides it is difficult to get it changed. Hope this will meet your approbation. I expect now to start for New York between the 12 & 19 of April. I shall make several short calls on my way. I have not learned whether the committee will send Miss Hicks with me or not but hope so & shall look for her every day. Thank you for my good January letters my debt to you for postage is increasing but I will most certainly pay you when I see you with interest

Please send the American Missionary to

Mr Tregs of Mineral Point Wisconsin
Dr A Harr of Dubuque Iowa
Wm P Emery . Galena Illinois
Wm Bathwell . Galena 7.50 Illinois
Mr Temple . Galena Illenois
Mr E Daniels . Ripon Fondulac, Co Wis

Received [illegible]

I am sorry Br Whipple is so much afflicted with ill health I think a trip to Jamaica would cure him persuade him if you can to go When I come I shall have "plenty" to tell you In very very great haste

Your happy friend

Mary Dean

127. Mary Dean,
Collection in
March, 1852.
64.55

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Collections March - 1862

Dodgeville

* Rev A. S. Allen	$	2 00
Mr Wheeler		1 00
Mr Finley		1 00
A D Campbell		1 00
S. S Children		1 60
Others in smaller sums		5 40
		12 00

Mineral Point

×+ Mrs Thos. Allen	$	2 00
Mr Beach		1 00
× Mr Iregs		1 00
Mr Jackson		1 00
In smaller sums		2 75
		7 75

Platteville

Mrs Pickard	$	2 50
Miss Joslyn		1 00
Mrs Chapman		1 00
Mrs Hanley		50
Widows mite		20
		5 20

(At Limestone near Platteville was subscribed $ 8, 50 not paid to me but to be sent on to New York)

Shullsburgh

× Mr Boughton	$	100
× Mr Overton		100
Mr Garsey		100
Miss Hicks		100
× Mrs Reynard		100
Dr Stoddard		100
× N Parker		25
		6, 25

Dubuque

Mr Daniels		100
× Dr A Hoar	$	6,00
Mr Booth & Co		5,00
× Mrs Mitten		50
		12,50

Galena

Mary E Spees	$	200
Mrs Fuller		100
Mrs Tellford		100
Mr M. W. Parker		100
Mrs S Bradley		100
Mrs F Hayey		100
Mrs Kent		100
× Mrs Temple		100
Mrs Coleman		100
Mrs Corwith		100
Mrs Esty		100

Mrs Hosted $ 100
Small sums 4 15
Fancy Specs 25
Mary Jenkins 10
× Mr & Emery 100
Other —
20,65

1200
7 75
5 20
6 25
12 50
20 65
$ 64, 35
8 50
72 85

Besides a gold chain worth some $ or 10 dollars

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Quincy Collections by Mary Dean

Benjamin Jerel	$ 10.00	Galena.	
Enoch Comstock	5.00	a friend gold chain	
J Comstock	.80		$3.25
Mr Ries	2.00	Capt. Stein, S.B.	
Mrs A Turner	1.00	Empire State,	5.00
Mrs Grant	1.00	Cincin. & Cleveland	
Mrs Carrie Roberts	1.00	R.R. Co.	7.00
Others	1.45		30.85
	23.45		46.10
O Kendall	1.00		
Friends in Mendon	6.40		
Total	30.85		

120. Mary Dean's
Collections in
May 1852.
Galena, Ills. &c.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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The following is by special request of the brethren of the mission.

It has come to our knowledge that you have taken steps to regulate the transmission of our mail, in the expectation that Dr. Barrett is about to leave the island. We therefore wish to make some suggestion. Dr. B. does not intend very soon to leave the island. He has closed business, or rather his mercantile concern, but only to reopen on a more desirable footing.

We know of no person who will attend to our mail & other package matters so faithfully & cheaply as Dr. Barrett. He has done well hitherto & proposes to do even better if he can, and to make himself the responsible channel through which we shall receive whatever comes to us from the States — To transmit to us thro any house, however responsible, or by post, to care of Bro. Beardslee, is, & must continue to be, no small mistake. The broth. desire me to be particular in stating this. Do not suppose us to intend any disparagement to bro. B. The fact is simply this, Bro. B's kind heart, & willingness to do us a favor are greater than his ability to perform. Hence the exercise of his kindness is too likely to prove a frequent inconvenience to us. — Dr. Barrett is not only willing but has proved himself abundantly able to do. Packages for Mission sent to him are by him delivered promptly to our several messengers & so come safe to hand. —

If this more properly belongs to Br. Whipple you can make the transfer.

We like well the manner in which you have done up & sent to Dr. B. our packages in time past. Dr. Barrett suggests an improvement arising from the fact that things sent to Bro. Beardslee & to others are often directed to the Mission and the expenses thus made to fall on us. Send to Mission only what is for Mission and we shall not have to pay other peoples bills.

For your convenience I give below the papers which we are taking or wish to take individually — to stop till ordered

Hall — Independent, Tribune, O. Evan. Am. Mis. Advocate

Olds Do Do Do Do Do

Do Water Cure — Youth's Cabinet — Home Missionary — Amer. & Foreign Christian Union

Richardson — Same as Bro. Hall with exception of Tribune — Also — Congregationalist — Christian Parlor Magazine — Water Cure —

Thompson — Same as Hall — & in addition Water Cure

Wolcott Same as Thompson — With National Era continued & Dr. Two copies of the tribune to Wolcott — I sent for an additional one some time since)

We are not now receiving the Advocate. We dont know the reason — we are willing to pay for it sent as above. Water Cure to be sent only on condition that they are sent as last year — club terms — We did not get but about one half the numbers last year.

Note — The Tribune now sent to bro. Richardson is misdirected, it should be to bro. Thompson. Do not fail to send me your bills in good time, that I may enter them in their proper place. A good opportunity to try your patience — Please preserve it & believe me as ever Yours

Seth T. Wolcott —

P.S. Respects to Mr. G. Sappam —

C. D. Wolcott
Yarmouth
Me.
Care Rev. Geo. Sappam

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2006
FISK U.

Galena, Apr. 16, 1852.

Rev. Mr. Whipple,

Respected Sir.

Miss Maria Hicks has applied to you for a Commission to Jamaica as Missionary Teacher. I am happy to give you some testimonial of her. She has resided in Galena some years, and for a year and half was a member & teacher of my School. She is a young lady of good mind, apt to teach, of uncommon remembrance, and devoted piety.

Yours Respectfully
Jane A. Cooke.

Miss Jane A. Cook
Galena Ill.
April 16/52

Miss Hicks,

MACHINE

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2008
FISK UNIV.

Ahuliu, April 8th 1852

Dear Bro. Whipple,

Addison Moffat, formerly a student here, wrote to me a few days ago requesting me to forward him some testimonials in reference to my view of his qualifications for teaching in one of the Mission Schools in Jamaica, I have concluded it would be quite as proper for me to send a line to you directly,

On the whole my opinion of his qualifications for such a post, is favorable, tho one who was acquainted with him here can doubt his deep & earnest piety, & his entire devotion to the work of doing good,

He was not as successful as some in study; but my impression is that the cause of his failure was in his health rather than in a want of capacity, He entered College & I think nearly completed the studies of the Freshman year, There are those who are naturally more efficient & energetic but none more honest or earnest, He would not succeed as the leader in a missionary enterprise, but I have con

fidence that he would be useful as a teacher, if his character continues what it was when he was here.

It is some three years I think since he left here. If I mistake not he lived in Bro. Thomas's family while he was here & his opinion in regard to his good sense & efficiency would be worth far more than mine.

Truly Yours

P. H. Fairchild

Prof. J. H. Fairchild
Oberlin Nov 8/52
A. Moffat

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2009
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Jan. 2. 1852. April 20th 1852.

Dear Br Shipple.

We wish to say a word in refference to our dear Br Moffat who is now thinking of going to the West Indies as a missionary.

1st He was regarded while here, as a very conscientious, devoted Christian and manifested this in well directed labour for the salvation of his fellow students.

2nd He has a strong - well balanced mind and a sweet temper.

3d His success in teaching was more complete than most of his class and especially in his schools among the colored people in Ohio. —

4th " He always appeared to us to be a very sober minded judicious young man.

5th " He was faithful as a Student and has a natural literary taste.

6th " He certainly commanded the entire respect and won the confidence of those with whom he associated.

7th " He always appeared very meek and quite willing to labour any where he could do good.

S. N. Kendall.
C. C. Starbuck
Wolcott B. Williams
Moses H. Smith.

Concerning Allison Moffat. Oberlin Oh 20/52.

Kingston 9th April 1852

Mr Wm Hamed

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2010
FISK UNIV.

Dear Sir

You will find on board the Steam Ship Sierranevada in the hands of Mr N. L. McBride the Steward, a small parcel of letters marked to your address. I have also commited to his care, Mr Dunhams Trunk, also directed to your care, will you be so kind as to send an order on board for the trunk and the small parcel of letters, he will not give them up without your written order, I have paid him one dollar, all he asks to take charge of them so you will have nothing to pay him. but if you have a package to send out I think he will take charge of it for a reasonable sum, but take his receit for the parcel, and

send it by ~~post~~ mail to me, but be sure the letter comes by the same steamer. The goods you shipped to Mr Beardslee have arrived, and we shal continue to look for her Way. The members of the mission, so far as I know are all well with the exception of Mrs Thompson, she has the mumps.

Very truly yours

J Barrett

Rev J Barrett
Philadelphia
4/9/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2011
FISK UNIV.

Dryden Apr. 9th 1852

Dear S. Whipple

Your of the 2d yrs rec'd the 7th inst. Unavoidable circumstances have prevented me from answering it till now.

Immediately on the reception of your first letter I wrote Prof. Fairchild requesting him to furnish me testimonials in respect to the particulars mentioned in your letter as far as he could consistently. I also referred him to several other persons in and about Oberlin who were quite well acquainted with me. Among whom are Profs Hudson & Monroe, Dea Beecher, Messrs Kendall, Williams, Dodd & Bordwell. But I have rec'd from him no reply as yet. I suspect that he did not receive my letter. Perhaps however he does not consider me a suitable person for so responsible a station and feels a delicacy in telling me so. He need have no delicacy on that account for. frequently think as myself. I can therefore charitably regard my brethren who entertain a similar opinion.

O that I were far better fitted in body, in mind, in spirit for doing good service in the vineyard of my Lord! As I am (which is all that I can do, and all that he requires) I give myself to his work

I should have written to Mr Thome myself

had not so long time have intervened since his acquaintance with me; and also from the consideration that he did not reside at Oberlin: because I wishes to procure the testimony of others, as mentioned above, who reside there. I am very glad that you wrote to him; and would express my thanks to you, dear sir, for writing, and to him for his manifest token of esteem and affection for me.

I will write to Prof. Fairchild today again. But as I yesterday returned to my native town, I will proceed to obtain testimonials from those who have been most intimate with me for years. Also I will consult physicians in relation to my health and constitution. I don't want to be a burden, but a blessing, to that dear mission in Jamaica.

As to a female companion I will simply say I have none in view. Let the Executive Committee decide in respect to me as in their wisdom they shall deem most fit. May God bless them in their deliberations.

When next you write please direct Waterville Tomp. Co. N.Y.

Yours respectfully

Addison Moffat

Addison Moffat
Dey dated N.Y.
April 9/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2012
FISK UNIV.

Dryden Apr. 15th 1852

Dear Br. Whipple

I hasten to forward to you these testimonials. It is due to state that the persons whose names are on the opposite side of this paper were well acquainted with me before I went to Oberlin, and have been intimate with me since my return. I taught school in the district where they reside before going to O. Others in the district would gladly have affixed their signatures but it was considered unnecessary. Mr. D. A. Chatfield is not a professor of religion; yet he is a very amiable young man with whom I have been quite intimate. He read the writing as you will readily perceive and said that he would give his testimony for me "at any rate." Oh may he soon become truly pious! The rest of those whose names are affixed to this paper are members of the Presbyterian Church in Dryden village.

Those on the other paper are worthy members of the M. E. Church in Slaterville. The signature of one female you will observe. I do not know but you will consider it an innovation; but I consider it an honor; for she is a very devout woman. The minister as well as the others manifested great willingness in giving me these testimonials, tho' I had repeatedly refused to reunite with the church. The reason I assigned was the pro slavery character and action of the M. E. Church.

A feeling of agony, and yet of resignation I trust, sometimes comes over me lest the E. Com. should consider it inexpedient, on account of my health, for me to go to Jamaica. My health during the winter was better than it had been for years before; but since for two or three weeks past my disease (an affection of the liver) has been quite troublesome. I have enquired of some physicians yesterday

Dryden Apr. 14th /52

Rev. George Whipple

Dear Friend

You ask for testimonials of the character of Brother Moffatt.

1 / We can state that wi are personally acquainted with him; as to his Christian an moral character wi have the utmost confidence in piety, zeal, upright walk and conversation, wi consider him an honor to the cause of Christ

2 – We consider him a man of more than ordinary talents, mild temper and winning and agreable manner.

3 In respect to this qualification wi consider 1st his literary attainments amply sufficient 2d his aptness to teach peculiarly good.

4 We consider him of sound judgement prudent and cautious.

5 We consider him dilligent & persevering, reaching forward for still greater attainments in the cause he has espoused

6 Well qualified in disposition & manner to gain the good will of all with whom he may associate

Finally,

We repose perfect confidence in him, believing that he possess the several qualifications called for in your letter to a greater extent than he does. Yours &c

Wm A. Chatfield — David A. Chatfield

Edmond Cole — Archr Miller

Adam Simons

Rev E Geo Whipple

Waterville Apr 12th 32

Dear Sir

In answer to your several inquiries relative to the qualifications of our Brother Addison Moffatt, for a Teacher in one of your Mission Stations, we answer as follows.

1st He stands high in the esteem of the Church, as a pious good Brother, but has not united with the Church since his return from the Oberlin Institute

2nd We think he possess a fair Natural Talent, and very amiable Temper

3rd As to the extent of his Literary qualifications, we cannot answer, but judge them to be fair, and judging from what we have seen in his management of our Sabbath School, we think him possessed of a happy faculty to Teach,

4th We think he possess a good share of all these qualifications

5th Judging from his diligence, his early, & faithfull attendance, upon the Duties of the Superintendancy of our Sabbath School, we think he will meet your wishes on these points

6th In reference to this enquiry, he stands deservedly fair in Community, and but few have the ability to gain the Esteem & Confidence of the Scholars so generally, as he

7th His general good health, piety, perseverance, and anxiety to do good, are excellent qualifications, for the important work you contemplate assigning him

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2013
FISK UNIV.

Yours Truly

S Minier Pastor M E Church

Stephen Gates

Mrs Elizabeth Drummond

Reman Condon Rudy Steward

L. R. Winfield

" David Bell

respecting the probable effect of my going to a warm climate on my complaint. They promised however to give me the result of their deliberations to-morrow in writing, which I will forward to you.

I very much regret that my health is so precarious, because it may, through your dependence on me, leave that field unoccupied, and also hinder me from entering upon a work which for years I have ardently desired to enter upon. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."

Yours truly
Addison Moffat

Addison Moffat & others
Dryden April 16/52
Corr

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2014
FISK UNIV.

Dryden Apr 17th 1852

Dear Br Whipple

This morning I sent out a letter for you. You may therefore be somewhat surprised at receiving another from me bearing the same date. I have just rec'd one from you however asking "how early I could embark if appointed." I reply: As early as the "1st" of May" if it is desired. Please write very soon as I would wish to remain in the city a few days before sailing.

Yours respectfully

Addison Moffat

Rev. Br Fowler

A. Moffat
Dryden N.Y.
April 1852

Invites him to N.Y.
April 12

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2015
FISK UNIV.

Galesburg Apr. 17. 1852.

Rev. G. Whipple

Respected Friend

Your letter of Apr. 3. I received this morning, and was somewhat relieved of a state of suspense, although it had almost ceased to be suspense; for from the delay of intelligence I felt almost confident you did not wish me to go to Jamaica this spring.

As I have but little time to write, I will just say that I suppose you have received my letter, together with Mr. Blanchards before this, and are apprised that I intend to visit my parents on my way to your city. This being the case if I reach you by the first of May I must leave here immediately and have not time to hear again from Miss Dean. I now have not a favorable opportunity to go nearly to Detroit with the Rev. Mr. Parker (the evangelist), and relying upon your confidence and the generous assistance he has so kindly offered I have concluded to start with him from Knoxville, where he has been holding a meeting, on monday morning next.

I shall probably reach my home in Gainesville near the last of the week, and shall endeavor to be in your city on the last day of Apr. or perhaps not till the 1st day of May

The ladies of this place are making exertions to render me assistance in clothing &c. and with considerable success — all all are very kind; I hope the Lord will reward them, and I hope that neither you nor they may have

Miss Sarah Blakely.
Salerburg.
April 17/52.
Miss Blakely be here
by May 1/

cause to regret your confidence.
I will endeavor not to
be wanting in haste.
Sarah Blakely.

Ogden April 16th 1852

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that we whose names are annexed, being Physicians & Surgeons & personally acquainted with the bearer Mr. Addison Moffatt, have examined his case & do unitedly give it as our opinion that he is labouring under a slight disease of the liver, which according to his statement has been more severe heretofore than at at present, & we furthermore give it as our opinion that generally it is not prudent for persons afflicted with diseased liver to remove to a southern climate, but in the case of the bearer we should hardly think the amount of disease effecting him should deter him from his purpose of going to the South. He has a native good constitution & from our acquaintance with his family connections should tell that his case was rather accidental than constitutional. He is a very worthy young man & can get the testimonials as to moral character & qualifications that any one would require —

E. P. Healy
J. W. Montgomery

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2016
FISK UNIV.

Ogden Apr 17th 1852

Dear Br Whipple

In a letter dated the 15th inst containing testimonials, I inadvertently neglected to mention your number and street in the Superscription. Pardon my thoughtlessness. It may prob-

ably be found (if you have not rec'd it) at the general P. O. of the city.

I am not a little encouraged by the decision of the physicians as given above. Still they are but men. My trust is in him in whom I live and move and have my being. O, God may my life and health be precious in thy sight. Thy will be done.

My case is now before you dear sir. May the Lord preside over the deliberations of the Ex. Com. that their final decision may be for his glory and the salvation of men.

Please write soon.

Yours truly

Addison Moffat

Addison Moffat
Sag Harbor, N.Y.
April 16/52

Conn.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. N-2078
FISK UNIVERSITY

Kingston Jamaica Sat. April 24 1852

J. Whipple Esq. A. M. S.

Dr Brother. Through the good providence of God, we arrived at Kingston this A.M., in good health. Our passage has been tedious - 26 days. As, you are undoubtedly aware, we were detained 3 days in N. Y. harbour, & on Monday, 19th inst., were set ashore, at Port Morant, under the following circumstances. On Sunday about noon, we took a Pilot aboard to steer the vessel into Port Royal; after beating about until Monday morning, found ourselves no nearer than when Pilot was rec^d. The Pilot said we might be detained 2 or 3 days, & it was evident that one day longer would be necessary to make & clear the harbour. & the expense of the Pilot would be just double what the Capt. paid. Pilot also said that it would cost but little for a carriage to be obtained immediately. From these representations & on the Captain agreeing that all extra expense should be paid by Mr. Underwood on my statement, I consented to be put ashore at that place. But no carriage could be found there. The gentleman, with whom I lodged, was going to Port Morant 7 miles, & said he would procure a carriage to take us to that place - but he failed in that. I sent my baggage, & a long-boat 7 miles for one dollar & the transp^n. & charge &c was $1 more to Kingston, on Thurs^d. I hired men to take self & wife to same place & took a small vessel for Kingston Friday morning & after beating about 24 hours reach^d Kingston this morning. Expense $4.00 in. The friends, where we lodged, loaded us with kindness & made no charge, but little incidentals to servants, &c, amounts to about $1.00 more. So that

Mr. Mudwood will account to you Seven (7) dollars - which will leave him a ballance of $10. to $15. gain by our going ashore at Port Morant (38 miles by land, & farther by water) & leaves us loss in time one week, nearly, —

I am now at the hospitable home of Rev. Mr. Beardslee shall rest till Monday & then commence arrangements for the future - I feel more like an entire submission to the will of God, and a strong desire to be useful to this long oppressed people - Mrs. Way was sick most of the voyage but is now quite well & joins in love to you & to the Society - Our little boy has made great improvement on the voyage - and I have yet to learn what sea-sickness is — I must necessarily be brief as the vessel, by which I forward this, sails tomorrow morning, & I have only about 2 hours to write other letters -

Remember kindly to Bro. Barnes & friends & believe me as ever

Yours truly P. M. Way

Please forward the enclosed as directed & oblige -

N. B. I find to my surprise that I have two copies of Simons Scriptural Manual - I took the liberty of giving one copy to Bro. Beardslee, after explaining to him how I came by it - taken by mistake -

The brethren Thompson & Richardson have just arrived with conveyance to take me to the mountains tomorrow morning - Wed. April 2 -

Our health is remarkably good - Sabbath was a day of rest & refreshing to my heart - I preached once for Bro. B. -

I have delayed this letter, as Bro. B. tho't it would reach you sooner by the steamer -

Yours truly P. M. Way

Rev. P. M. Way April 2d 52 W.F.C.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Miss Institution
Kingston 27th April 1852

My Dear Brother

I am happy in being able to say that your favor of the 26th ult. was handed me by Bro. Way on Saturday the 24th inst. Bro. W. was landed at Port Morant 35 miles from this, on Monday the 19th inst. but could not get a conveyance to this place till the End of the week, & we did not hear that he was in the Island till he arrived at Kingston. They have had a tedious, long time of it, but seem quite well. The baby is looking remarkably well. I like them much, so far as I have seen them. Bro. W. went with me to Shortwood, as it was my day to supply there for Bro. Wheeler, and addressed the people for me. His language, manner and Spirit were just in accordance with my notions of what will render a man useful in Jamaica. I trust he & his wife will prove a valuable acquisition to the Mission.

You seem to have some difficulty in mustering your forces, but you may have the better opportunity of testing them & thus have the more confidence in their fitness for the work. I am glad to hear that Miss Dean is able & ready to return & hope she may keep her health &

The enclosed Phonographic note is for Miss Dean
A.T.P.

have many years of usefulness added to the good work she has already commenced in Jamaica.

The "Crime Batch" arrived in due time and the articles sent to my care were all received in good condition. I am much obliged for my share of the contents of one of the Boxes. They were just the articles I need. If Miss Dean has not sailed when this reaches you, I will be greatly obliged by your sending me another 1/2 dozen Bullion's Latin Reader and another 1/2 dozen of the Greek Ollendorff by Kendrick. The last named work fully answers my expectation & is just what I want. I have a supply of Latin Grammars & will soon want the Reader. If Miss Dean has sailed please get the Books and send them by first convenient opp. — The "Water Cure Journal" seems a most difficult paper to procure. Bro. Hamed has sent them, a few at different times, — there has been no regularity. The last was the Jany. No. I receive one No. of the Student but am not very desirous of subscribing to it as the Youth's Cabinet supplies its place very well. If there is any Phonographic or Phonetic paper published I would like to become a subscriber to it. I shall make it for your interest to have our accounts squared, but have no concern on my part. Set it be at your convenience.

Dr. Barrett has now determined on settling

Prevention, through conclusion of it, unitedly the debents. Just at 2.5

down in Kingston, and intends carrying on a commission business. I have no doubt he will readily attend to any business matters for you and the Mission. I mention this not because I would not cheerfully attend to it, but as I am aware your reason of withdrawal was on account of his being unsettled. My services are ever at your command when required, though I shall make free to tell you should a greater demand be made than is consistent with my duties to the Institution over which I preside. Matters of Consignment can be more easily and promptly attended to by Dr. B. than myself, & will be just in his line.

I shall be happy to entertain any of your friends whom you deem worthy to be engaged in the work of saving souls in Jamaica. You need make no apology for your letters, and mine deserve no praise. I have often felt that your sphere of business must be very great, and must wear upon you very much. I trust the Lord will give you "strength as your day." I sent a note to Mrs. Richardson early Monday morning & he & Bro. Thompson have come to take Bro. & Sis. W. to the Mountains. They leave us tomorrow morning.

The measles have been & still are very prevalent, & now the Small pox is spreading rapidly in the City. It commenced at Falmouth & has been traveling southward. What may be its fatality I cannot say. Vaccination has been going on pretty extensively, but has been shown not to be a preventive. Though vaccination is unfavorable the disease. Out of 25 cases in the Penitentiary only one proved fatal, & that one had not been vaccinated. Whenever you have any wishes, and opportunity of Post Office

Rev. J. O. Beaureler
Kingston
~~Mon~~ Apr 24/52

Revd. Geo. Whipple
Rooms of the Am. Mission. Assn.
48 Beekman Street
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Platteville Apr 28th 1852

Dear Br Whipple

Since I last wrote you (17th inst) I have rec^d no reply. Perhaps you did not receive that letter, or the Ex. Com. have not yet come to a decision respecting me. I sincerely hope that they will make a thorough investigation & if they think that I will not be a suitable person to occupy the field they have been contemplating assigning me that they will not send me out. I should be glad to labor in some humble station under their care, but if Providence otherwise orders - amen. I will endeavour to be useful somewhere

The accompanying testimonials I rec^d this morning. Perhaps they will be of service to the committee if they have not already given my their decision

I wrote you in my last that I could be ready to sail as early as the 1st of May, Providence permitting

Please write me very soon as I am quite anxious to hear from you

The enclosed two dollars I rec'd from Adam Simons of Dryden Tomp Co N.Y.
Please let it be acknowledged in the A. Missionary

Pardon me for saying again please write me soon. If the Ex. Com. have not given their decision write and let me know what is being done. I am usually well.

Respectfully Yours -

Addison Moffat

Rev Geo Phipps
Nine Street
New York
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A. Moffat
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Illinois, Ill.
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Rev. J. H. Whipple
Brainerd
May 3/58

Brainerd Station-Jam- May 3d 18

Dear Brother Whipple.

Since I wrote you last, I have regained my usual health, & for 3 months past, have been busily occupied with the ordinary routine of missionary labor- Besides the regular sabbath services, I have preached occasionally during the week, at three or four different places within the bounds of our congregation- Some of these places are nearly 4 miles distant from the Chapel, & as those residing in the neighborhood, who are old & sickly, can seldom attend it, they seem very thankful when the "joyful sound" is thus brot within their hearing-

In one district (Mt. Vernon) they have erected a small Chapel in which to hold our meetings- It is covered with thatch & wattled with Bamboo- The hard, smooth earth serves for a floor- boards placed on blocks for seats & a rude, grotesque-looking desk for a pulpit. At the other places, I preach in the people's houses, or, when the weather will admit of it, in the open air- We generally hold these meetings at 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon- And it is an interesting sight, to behold them, at the close of their day's toil, assembling in little companies of 30 or 40, to receive instruction from the word of God- Their frequent responses & ready answers to the questions addressed to them, from time to time, plainly indicate that they are not uninterested auditors- The attendance on these meetings of late, is much larger than it was last fall- A part of the time allotted, is usually

spent in free, social conversation, & in endeavoring to become better acquainted with the people & their families. As it is impossible to visit them all at their homes, these meetings are a partial substitute for pastoral visitation. There are no roads by which we can reach the dwellings of half of them on horseback, and to travel up & down the almost perpendicular sides of these mountains on foot, in the hot sun, is more than constitutions, unaccustomed to this climate, can bear. Besides, the most of the people own or rent land, at some distance from their dwellings, & are usually absent in the fields from sunrise until 4 or 5 P.M. I do all I can, to encourage them to call upon me for religious conversation & instruction; & numbers gladly avail themselves of the privilege. Still, the habitual thoughtlessness & levity that so universally characterise them, constitute a great obstacle in the way of making deep & permanent impressions for good. They are so excitable, that it seems almost impossible, to keep the mass of them, sober & serious, long enough to bury their dead! They are great talkers, & as the majority cannot read at all, of course, they have little food for profitable thought, & their conversation is just what might be expected. Folly & nonsense, if not absolutely filthy & wicked. To this general statement, there are, by the grace of God, however, some cheering exceptions. There are, in all of our churches, some who are 'lights in the world', & would be an ornament to any church. Some, who, by their zeal, faithfulness, self denial & steadfast adherence to truth & christian principle, put to shame the coldness, apathy & neglect, of many of the members of the more highly favored churches at home. If the Gospel has not done all that we could wish, & that it ought to accomplish for our people, still, it has done much. It has done a great & good work in those

communities where it has been faithfully preached. It has wrought a marked change in the characters & conduct of the people - in their general habits & manner of living - so much so that transient visitors, & strangers passing among them, notice & speak of it, in terms of commendation & praise. If the churches at home, who have sustained this mission, could visit the Island & behold for themselves the evidence that the Gospel leaven is gradually, yet surely, working its way into the hearts of this people - could they but visit our Chapels on the Sabbath, and behold the goodly number, who statedly assemble, & listen with eager interest to the preaching of the Divine word & then look in upon the scores & hundreds of precious youth, receiving instruction in our Sabschools - methinks they would never regret the efforts & sacrifices they have made, to enlighten & save this degraded & perishing people. Oh no! they would thank God & take courage; they would redouble their contributions & prayers, & increase tenfold the number of laborers here - nor would they rest until from these mountains & vallies, multitudes of hearts & voices should echo the high praises of our God,

"And vassals, long enslaved, become
The freemen of the Lord."

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When will Christians, learn to place a proper estimate, upon the value of immortal souls! When shall we regard & treat them, as infinitely precious! "prized above all price", by Him who paid their ransom, & purchased, "with agonies untrium", their redemption from sin & death & hell! I do believe that when we sympathize with the Savior in his sufferings, & love souls as he loved them - we shall then be ready, with Paul, to "count all things but loss" for the sake of Christ, & the souls whom he has died to save -

It has given us great pleasure, to welcome as fellow-labourers, our long-expected Br & Sister Way - A meeting of the Mission was held here, last week, for this purpose, & also to fix their location - We were unanimous in recommending that they be stationed at Oberlin; & the people there, (who have suffered much, the past 6 months, for lack of a Pastor & Shepherd) are overjoyed at the prospect of having a minister of their own once more - We are all much pleased, with the appearance & spirit of Br & Sister Way, on first acquaintance - & feel an assurance that they will be one with us, in our work. Br W. spent his first Sab. at O. yesterday - His goods have not yet arrived - We are once more disappointed by the delay of our teachers - Will you not forward them by express as soon as they reach Newark? We feel that every week's delay is a great loss to the poor children, who are becoming more & more confirmed in vice & ignorance - We have decided to open a school at Brainerd, & put the first female teacher who arrives, into it, until we can get a male teacher - Nothing but the absolute impossibility of the thing, prevents me from taking charge of the School at once - But I trust that tho' the blessing tarry long, it will surely come at last! The Mission families are all enjoying good health at present, & are ~~usually~~ prospered as usual in their labors - Nothing of special interest has occurred here since I last wrote - I trust the Spirit of the Lord is still in our midst - There have been some hopeful conversions & several additions to the church - two or three have been excommunicated for scandalous sins - The ch. needs to be thoroly searched & purified - Since commencing this letter, I have learned that Br Denning's family are greatly afflicted - They have been obliged to leave Demopolis (as it is quite sickly there) & go to Shemitage. They have just buried their eldest child, & the other is not expected to live - A colored boy, in the family, is also very sick - There is some prospect of its being sickly this season - The small-Pox is spreading over the Ts - Mrs R. joins in christian salutations to herself, Br & Sister & the other members of the Ex-Corr - Your Br in the Gospel A. McRichardson

New York May 7th 18[illegible]

American Missionary Association Dr.
to Addison Moffat

Traveling Expenses to New York	$7,52
Incidental expenses in New York	291
Amt.	10,43

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A. Moffatt's
bill of Expenses
5/7/52 $10.43

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Hermitage May 8th 1852

Rev. G. Whipple.

Dear Brother.

A meeting of the Mission was held at Brainerd Apr. 29th immediately on the arrival of Bro. Way in the mountains. I have not yet had an opportunity to transmit to you our proceedings, but I expect one in two or three days.—

Allow me to remark that we give Bro. Way a most hearty greeting & welcome— hope we may be permitted soon to greet in like manner additional laborers.

Your special attention is invited to the following items of business as brought up in mission meeting.

1st Bro. Thompson (as a committee) reported in favor of Gordon Castle premises as the location of a new Station being relinquished by the mission.

The report was unanimously adopted—

2d— Recommended that Bro. Way be located at Oberlin on condition of receiving a regular call from the church— of which there is no doubt.—

3d Bros. Hall & Wolcott were appointed committee to visit an Estate called Cooper Hill, in St. Andrews' parish, with the view of opening a Station, at the solicitation of Wm M. Anderson Esq. owner of the estate. [It is situated some seven miles South from Oberlin]—

4th Bros. Thompson & Richardson were appd. a committee to visit the parish of Vere to inquire into the moral condition of the people.

5th Resolved that we recommend to the Ex. Com. of the A. M. A. the addition of fifty dollars to the salary of Bro. Way, making $450, per annum in consideration of contingent expenses necessarily incurred at Oberlin Station

With respect to Gordon Castle, the Mission wish you to understand that so far as the people are concerned, the reasons for opening a station in the vicinity are all good; we only lack the premises. Br. Anderson cannot give a good title, the buildings also are refused for chapel purposes. If premises should yet be secured you may hear from this again.

One or two other items would probably have been recommended, but they were purposely withheld, for the present, from the notice of the Mission.

I wish as an individual to suggest them to you, for you to consider, & act upon if you think proper.

1st Bro. Richardson will need, & I think ought to have this year $50, added to the usual salary. amt to year $100.
He tells me that he spent all his private funds in trips to New York & otherwise in getting here

Clerk A.M.A.

and having all his outfit in beasts &c. to purchase at once he is embarrassed.

2d. We are continuing to find it more & more an indispensable to have a general depot & business retreat in town — a place for ourselves, our beasts & our servants — a place where we can send all our messages & messengers without embarrassment, & have our business done without distraction — The cost of this will be not less than $50, nor more than $60, per annum. The brethren & friends think it quite proper that the Ex. Com. meet this on behalf of the mission —

What say you ——— My compliments to Bro Hearned. Something to say to him but not time now. —

Can you still be strong in God for Jamaica! —

Her horizon sometimes looks dark — dubious — but not yet altogether disheartening.

Bro. Fenning & family have been with me for the past two weeks for change of air, three severely sick with fever — all more or less unwell. His oldest child — a son died last Saturday. I had been with my family to Brainard to meet Bro. Way — left home on Thursday & when we returned on Sat. found the lad in a hopeless state. The next child was rapidly sinking. I immediately sent for Bro. Way, & he came next day in time to render important assistance — The living are now [illegible] they left us this morning — —

In brotherly love Yours

Seth S. Wolcott — —

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
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Kingston May 11/52

Dear Bro. S.

I am very unexpectedly in town this morning where I meet this & open to insert a word — Bro. Hall & my self lodged with Mr. Mr. Br. Pederson last night at Cooper Mill — 13 miles from this in full view of Kingston Spanish town & all the surrounding country. And seeing two Canada Steamers approaching the harbour we were strongly drawn hither. We meet here Bro. Thompson & May & Bro. Hoyt & children. Mrs. Mr. takes the Steamer today for New York — how rejoiced are we — — You will be likely to see her.

As I am writing, yours of 20th Apr. is handed me from on board the Steamer. I glance at it hastily —

We do not prepay any letters not even the one that you received via England this was by mistake of P.O. for which it should be responsible —. I am sorry if the draft you speak of occasions any inconvenience — I think it could not have come to you in the shape I designed. — thank you for your suggestions

You may look for drafts for next quarter early next month.

Mr. Hoarned may send each of us a copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" — What a busy, whirling world we are in. & yet what a multitude of careless idlers do we see —

In much love yours

Seth F. Pratt

Rev. S. F. Pratt
Kingston
Jamaica
Mon. Aug 11
1852

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A word about Cooper Hill & vicinity—

Here is one of the most extensive Pimento regions which I have yet seen—young & flourishing—wants but the hand of industry to give it considerable value—

We find, if our information is correct, that within a circle whose radius is 10 miles, there is no school of any sort—no resident ministry—one place of worship where sundry preachers meet the people once a month collect their shillings, give the accustomed "ticket", administer the communion & retire to wait the appointed time to repeat the process—Truly this people "are cursed with a curse, even this whole nation"— They say as I believe they often well may "minister no care for we body—no care for we soul—only for Macarona" (Shilling)— — O that the people only cared for their own souls; then would they readily find—easily distinguish those who would care for them—

Many of the people are freeholders in the above mentioned region—Mr. A. professed to believe them a wretched set of vagabonds whom it is impossible to elevate—Says if it can be done, it must be by such men as we represent— He proposes a lease of house considerably out of repair which will make residence & chapel—and twenty acres of land for five years free of charge with privilege of purchase—and if we wish will give land for building premises in such place as we are pleased to select— This is to be farther investigated— —

S. T. W.

Rev. S. L. Wolcott
May 11/52
Cooper Hill. to be
further investigated.

Kingston, May 10. 1852

Bro. Hamad — Fortunately, I am in Kingston on the arrival of the Steamer bringing letters from you, in which I learn you have not purchased a stove. I would simply say, A stove is very necessary at Oberlin, as there is none except an old worthless thing, which scarcely holds together — You will greatly oblige me by sending on the first opportunity, a wood stove & furniture, & 4 lengths, about 10 feet, of stove pipe — a common No 3 Brimin is good as any, & would cost, I think about $12.00 or less —

Yours truly P. M. Mayer

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W. M. Way
and
A. B. Hall
Alingston
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Oberlin Jamaica May 10. 1852

Bro. Harned - All well -

In the account sent to Bro. Wolcott against me - there is a mistake in the Trunks. b't of Mr. Edw.d - Bro. Spencer had the 2 trunk 14/ each. & I had 1 at $2.25 - I do not understand the charge of "$50. for expenses in Jamaica" I rec.d but $15. I presume $50.00 or even more will be necessary to meet expenses here, before I get settled -

My outfit was quite too limited - Webster's dictionary is not in the account -

I wish to say, through you, to Bro. Whipple & the committee, that I am pleased with the brethren, who are now labouring here, under the direction of the assoc.n and believe them truly devoted to the work - I have written an article for the True Wesleyan, on the subject of Stools. If you wish to select anything I have written; for the Ann. Mist. you can do so -

Yours truly P. M. Gray

Please forward the enclosure to True Wesleyan

R. M. Way

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Kingston May 11. 1852

Mr Tom Harned

Dear Sir

A letter has just been received by Mr Prescott that intimates that the stoves which I ordered some time since cannot be obtained. The letter you speak of as directed me has not been received

We are in great need of the stoves & without waiting for the information contained in the letter to me. We wish you to send us three wood stoves besides the one which Mr Troy has herewith ordered We want cheap stoves for this country as some parts of earthy ones go as soon as cheap ones.

We wish you to exercise your own judgement & send to us some stoves that shall cost from ten to fifteen dollars. We wish for each stove the ordinary furniture. also one knee & three joints of pipe (for each stove) The thicker the plates the better. If a duplicate of the loose top. (the covers &c) could be obtained we would like to have them sent.

Please ship the stoves according to directions previously given by Dr Barrett. Will you see that the heat can circulate freely around the oven.

I remain very truly yours.

H. B. Heall

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F7-2027
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Oberlin May 11th 1862

Dear Sir,

I suppose that ere long you will receive a letter from a young gentleman in Michigan whom I have recommended to write to you, with a view of becoming ultimately connected with the board as a missionary; and as it is at my suggestion that he will write, I will take the liberty of giving some account of him. His name is William Henry Perine; he is at present a student in the Michigan Central College, which you may know, is under the charge of Bro. Edmund B. Fairfield. I spent six months there as an assistant in the instruction of the institution, and from an intimate acquaintance with Bro. Perine, became deeply interested in him, and formed a high opinion of him, corresponding to the estimation in which he is universally held by the Community at Spring Arbor. He has a strong and well disciplined mind, an education which by another year, will be equivalent to about three fourths of a full college course, a remarkable excellence in composition and a respectable though not distinguished capacity as a speaker. He is of a very amiable disposition, modest and unassuming but not bashful, and above all of devoted and unwavering piety, and a heart unflinchingly devoted to the missionary

work. You will perceive that I speak of him in terms that indicate a character of unusual merit; and that is true of him. Of the six or seven brethren here who have this work in mind (in the upper classes I mean) I do not know one whom I consider all things included, as equally well fitted for an African mission except Bro. Kendall, and Bro. Perine has the advantage over him, of a firm, robust constitution. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and as the circuit on which Spring Arbor is placed has only Sabbath appointments, he is the junior preacher on it — But though a Methodist, he is an abolitionist to his heart's core, and has signalized himself even among the students of that Free Will Baptist and of course antislavery school, by his zeal for human freedom. His heart has been bent on Western Africa, and as his own church has no mission in the country explored by Bro. Thompson, he expressed to me his determination if they would not send him there, to go independently. I advised an application to you, and after consideration, he has sent me word that he is going to write you. I may mention that an uncle of his, of the same name, I believe, was formerly President of Auburn Theological Seminary. His father is a Congregationalist of the Independent stamp, and William has imbibed much of his antislavery from that journal. I have spoken with little qualification in his praise, because I think him one of those men who without possessing wonderful talents or attainments have their mental

and moral character so well adjusted as to ~~have~~ give no sense of luck. His main defect as a minister is that though correct and methodical he is by no means an animating speaker. His views of theology are very much based on Mr. Finney's. Dr. Dascomb, who spent the winter at Spring Arbor regarded him with much admiration as a specimen of perfect faithfulness and propriety as a student; and Bro. E. B. Fairfield will amply confirm all that I have said. I may add that he has formed no engagement that might be unfavorably and indeed is inclined to regard it as useless to take a female companion to Africa. However he will listen with deference to any suitable instruction. To conclude, I regard him as an eminently desirable accession to the missionary work; the more so as his zeal has been produced by no adventitious circumstances.

Providence permitting I expect to be in New York in August, with a view to pursuing my further studies at the Union Seminary. I shall be pleased then to hold some conference with you on the Sierra mission to which my thoughts have been chiefly turned of late.

I remain Sir

With much respect

Your Friend & Fellow-laborer

Charles C. Starbuck

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C. C. Starbuck
Oberlin
May 11/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston Jamaica
11th May 1852

My dear Brother

I have mailed a letter to you per "Sierra Nevada" containing a draft on L. Tappan for Seventy five dollars, to pay the passage of Mrs Hyde & children to New York. Thinking there might be some delay by post I thought best just to say that Mrs. Hyde will expect to see you on board, & Mr. Maxwell the bearer of this has kindly promised

A. M. A. ARCHIVES

Where it to you immediately on his arrival.
Bro. Venning has lost his little boy. Bros. Way & Thompson have just come to town, & I suppose you will hear from them.

Yours truly
S. V. Beardslee

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Rev. J. O. Beardslee
Kingston
May 11/52

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston, Jamaica,
11th May 1862

My dear Brother Whipple

I have written you since the arrival of Bro. May, but I believe there has been no opportunity to send since, so you will get it with this. I now write to say that I have just made arrangements on board the 'Sierra Nevada' for the passage of Mrs. Hyde & two children to New York, and have given the purser an order on Mr. L. Tappan for the sum of Seventy five dollars for the payment of the same. I suppose from your letter, that this will be a satisfactory arrangement. Mrs. H. came in very unexpectedly to Dr. Barrett's last evening, having made up her mind to go home. She does not feel prepared to say she will not return, but I am sure you would require no pledges from her, as she will never be settled in her mind, till removed from the reach of influences now operating upon her.

I trust when she is where she can look upon the matter dispassionately, and feels the soft & balmy influence of a mother's affection, she will be restored to her right

mind. Mrs. H. has known that I had authority to draw for her passage, but there has been no special effort made to induce her to go. She says the Dr. expressed much sorrow at her leaving but I believe did not oppose her.

She will wait on board the Str. to meet you, or should there be any lengthy delay, she may go on there but I will leave word with the pursuer where she may be found.

I made a mistake I find in dating the order — thinking it was the 12th when I wrote it.

Enclosed you will find the receipt for the draft.

Remain

Yours affly

J. T. Beardsley

Rev. J. A. Beardsley
May 11/52

Kingston Jamaica May 11. 1852 Received from
Mr. P. L. Beardslee a Draft on Messrs Dallas
for Twenty Five Dollars, for passage on Steamer Siena
Navaba to New York, of Miss Hyde, & 2 Children

Wm H. Stone
Purser

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Kingston 11th May 1852

My Dear Sir

Your favor under date of April 18th came to hand this morning. I have sent per Mr Maxwell of your city the package of letters he will deliver the same to you. I have also forwarded a Trunk & Hat box to your care they are for Revd Mr Landon he will communicate with you & pay all charges to you, Mr Maxwell can give you any instructions as to where they are to be paint. on board & how they are to be got off. Mrs Hyde goes in the same boat with her Mrs

I cannot remit by this boat but shal want some of the books you mentioned, If you will forward say so of them I will remit when Mr Wolcott makes his next

draft which will be on the first of next month. I have seperated myself from the firm of Barnett Carvalho & Co. and am now doing business on my one a/c. do not fail in all you hear if I make any change in my business so that I cannot attend to the business of the Mission I will let you know beforehand, Mr Olds lives quite seperate from the others of the Mission. they get their letters & papers by persons comming to Kingston but he gets his by Post. you aught to mail his ~~letters~~ & papers

in N.Y. Directed to him thus
A. D. Olds, Port Antonio Jamaica
and not put them in the
package you send to me
but if their should be large
papers or magazens sent to
him. they could come in
the package and I would
send them to him by a
Sailing vessell. and they would
cost him less than by post, tho
they should be posted in N.Y.
It makes a difference in the cost
of postage if they are posted in
N.Y. or in Kingston, it is less if
posted in N.Y. that is papers.
~~their~~ but letters are less if
posted in Kingston,
yours in haste
A Barrett

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Lieutenant
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Kingston 15th May 1852

My Dear Sir

Dr Hyde came to town yesterday morning, he appeared very much disappointed to find Mrs Hyde had left so soon, in fact I think he did not ~~think~~ expect she would go at all, he sat down and wept for a long time, he then wrote a letter to her, and put up a box, and wished me to forward it to your care, per first apportunity. I have put it on board the Crescent city in the hands of the purser. You will get it by sending on board for it. I hope you will be able to send me the 50 copies of Uncle Toms Cabin by first apertunity and I will be sure to remit through Mr Wolcatt by firs steamer in June

Yours in hast

A Barrett

Wm Harned
48 Beekman St

M. A. ARCHIVES
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Oberlin. July 16. 1852

Bro. Harned – I have only time to say a few words – We are prospering – Congregation, which was scattered after Bro. Olds left, is increasing – I have 20 inquirers formed into a class – S. School & Bible class is large – Pray for us – Our health, spiritual & physical is good –

– It is strange that I have not rec.d a single letter from the states since I left N. Y. – Are there not letters for me in the P. O. at N. Y.? – Love to all –

Yours truly P. M. Way

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Dr. M. Clay

7/16/52

Wm Harned Esqr.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Lexington 21st May. 1852

To S. Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you for one hundred & fifty Dollars, fifteen days after sight, to the order of Dr A Barrett. — Please honor the same as usual and oblige

Yours Truly
Seth T. Wolcott

P.S. Please see letter to Mr. Harned of this date for further explanation

S. T. W.

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3/29/52

advice of draft

of same date, [illegible]

$150

J. Wolcott
5/20/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Hingston May 21, 1852

My Dear Brother Howard

I received yours of April 18th by the vessel bringing Mr. Hays goods, last evening — I am glad you have enough to do so as not to find time to be idle —

Hope you will find time to get me off those "Ops" — I shall probably have them tho. before you get this. You have perhaps heard of the Yankee who lost a cent, and making much ado in finding it, gathered a crowd of people wondering what valuable he had lost; and when at last it turned out to be a cent they were vexed to have been troubled so much for nothing. "Well" says he — "I did not care for the cent, but I wanted to know where the darned thing went to" —

What a satisfaction to solve a difficulty —

The Water Cures just make up the complement of last years volume — all right now — they are full of reading matter now — much of it very interesting — I am glad to hear that "Uncle Tomas Cabin" goes off so well, many incidents there show Slavery to the life — —

I have this day drawn on Mr. Dappan for $150 to the order of Dr. Barrett & sent Mr. D. a brief note of advice, & refer him to you for explanation, and this is the sum. Bro. Way is in a strait for funds to purchase beasts — I have tried hard to put him off till our regular time of drawing, but I am at last pushed to anticipate the time a little.

I therefore draw specifically for Bro. Way the full sum of one & a half quarter — i.e. half the present qr. & all of the next.

You have probably had an interview with Mrs. Hoyde before this or rather about this time — Let us hear from her — I sent letters by her —

I am obliged to write so hastily that I don't seem to have said much — You must excuse me for the present — I have considerable more writing in hand that must be done at once, so "Good bye"

In much good will Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

P.S. Please give my compliments to Mr. Dappan — I received a kind note from him by Bro. Way — would like to write him, but really have not time which I can well spare just now

S. T. W.

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Rev Geo Whipple

Golden Vale May 20th 1852

My dear brother

Your letter of Jan 27th & the other of Feb 17th/52 were duly received & at the time of their reception I meditated a special reply. But time has been so fleeting that this week until to the 20th of May has arrived! Please pardon this delay.

Your letter of Jan 27th was a full one & contains many points which I wish to reply to, but fear I shall lack time for the present. And with a preliminary will notice them in order as they occur.

You say "then of us who are strongly anti slavery have been accustomed to oppose the colonization plans that have obtained currency here, it will not therefore do for us to advocate Colonization to Jamaica &c." We have been accustomed to oppose the colonization schemes that have obtained currency in the States. Ans why? Because first their measures were unnatural & compulsory towards the blacks. But I have to oppose those schemes because they held out the delusive hope that slavery is thereby to be abolished. And I have so little confidence in many of the advocates of Colonization that it is my conviction they are hypocritical in their professions to palm a theory in the matter. But Colonization to Jamaica urged upon wholly different grounds. And those grounds as they lie in my own mind are precisely the same as those which would induce me to advise (which I certainly would do) a fugitive from slavery to Colonize himself in Canada

You say again that you must have "some reasonable ground for the hope of bettering their condition" or you can advocate Colonization to Jam. I would say you should have. You say again "the class of people who will consent to go to Jamaica if any do, will be those who do not expect to spend their lives as menials." They want to be, & mean to be men. Now this is the only class we want. There are menials enough here already. We want a class that will be an example to the people here, an example of thrift

2 industry.

And an example of obtaining the [illegible] industry. We desire those who will obtain for themselves homes & farms of their own. You inquire the price & quality of land. The soil (except in some districts of limestone mountains) is almost universally good. There is no difficulty as respects the quality of the soil; but there is a difficulty in the unevenness of its surface. The Island is almost entirely thrown up into mountains of greater or less dimensions which renders a great amt of hand labor necessary in its cultivation. There are however very considerable exceptions to this statement. (e.g.) on the Estate where we now are. there are about 1000 acres of good bottom land. And I suppose a large part of it might be bought at a very reasonable rate. If a company would purchase a good sized tract it could be doubtless be obtained for $4, or $5 per acre. The quality of the land I think can scarcely be surpassed in any portion of the world. It is well watered, a beautiful river flowing through it, & several smaller streams empty into which.

As to the education of children: it would be well for those who come to locate near some of our Stations. If any come here (and it is my opinion that there is not a more favorable position on the Island) they would enjoy the privileges of our schools as well as the religious privileges of the Station.

The statute is now so altered that Americans may, by a simple process, very soon become citizens. And it is true that the colored man may in fact as well as in form attain to posts of honor. Colored men are elected members of the House of Assembly. I believe the greater part of the Vestrymen (a sort of board of Aldermen) of this parish are colored men.

As to the healthfulness of the Island it may be safely said that there are very few districts of equal extent that possess a more healthful climate than is to be found in Sam. Both Mrs Olds & myself enjoy better health than before for many years. It should be said however that we feel the effects of "wear" here sooner than at home. But I apprehend the same would not be true of our colored brethren.

Some provisions have been made by the Colonial government to aid colored

Americans coming here, but what those provisions are I am not well informed. I doubt not they would have all the protection they need.

Good and comfortable houses can be cheaply made. The roofs are thatched. But the thatch used here makes a beautiful (internally it is beautiful) and durable roof. Small frames for houses are ~~built~~ very cheap. But when large buildings are erected requiring heavy sticks of timber the expense is really increased. ~~Some the walls of such houses are built very cheap.~~

You ask respecting the production of the Island. I reply, ~~that "name is legion."~~ Almost any tropical production thrives will here. The principal productions are Yams, plantains, bananas, cocoa, corn, beans, peas with divers garden vegetables. ~~Cotton~~ Sugar cane grows most luxuriantly. Arrow root, Cassada, the pimento, Gingerbe &c. Sweet potatoes should not be omitted.

Now I think such a country affords so much more comforts with less of toil & far less suffering that it would be well worth while to turn the tide from the Canadas to this "sunny isle." ~~Canada, — why the very name, either from prejudice or for some other reason, almost sends a chill over my shoulders!~~ I have heard so much of the suffering of those poor creatures during those storm "Canada winters."

Well the Lord direct you in this matter; perhaps I am too zealous. But it is an honest zeal. I speak because I think this a better place than Canada.

You will doubtless desire to hear again something respecting our prosperity, discouragements, prospects &c. Something might perhaps be said did time allow, under each of these heads. We have enough to discourage us, to keep us very humble. And enough that is encouraging to make us thankful, and ~~to brighten our hopes that God will yet~~ permit us to see richer displays of his mercy upon us. Our discouragements are not that we are hated, ~~deeply~~ opposed. Indeed so far as we can see the opposition of these feelings are extinguished ~~towards~~ us. But it is that the gospel we preach is so little understood. There is ~~no~~ ~~eternal~~ ~~war~~ religion every where entertains. — so poor an understanding of the facts that religion is love; that God is holy; & that that holiness is the perfect opposite

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of all selfishness carnality & lust. I know not how it may be with others but with me it is one of the greatest difficulties I meet to make any thing like a serious & distinct impression upon the minds of the people that God is holy. I find that my great effort in study here, must be to find illustrations to simplify the great truths of the Gospel. In weeks I have been trying to impress the people with the fact that sin lies back of the outward act & that the latter is only a natural expression of the former. ~~that when the sinful intention exists, the sinful expression must follow.~~ And on the other hand that no form of religious worship is pleasing to God but such as comes from a heart fully submitted to Him. So far as I can learn these truths were quite new to the mass of the people. Multitudes had scarcely thought but their fathers (?) usages. Their having the idea we are trying to come into the chapel constitutes of worship really pleasing to God. The they were living from day to day in the deepest corruption & lust! They seemed to think that they might sing in a religious meeting all night & practise every abomination by day consistently with each other. And that the latter did not (in view of the merits of the former) deprive them of the favor of God! are great

~~this may show both~~ These things are enough to humble us, & drive us for help very near to a throne of Grace. In what other power can enlighten & subdue hearts so blind & corrupt!

But thank God the whole heavens are not dark; - the clouds do break away somewhat and the joyous light of hope shines upon us. We think we have good reason to believe that some do understand & obey the gospel unfeigned. And we hope this number is increasing. Numbers we think do see that a senseless round of religious ceremony has nothing in it pleasing to God. And that he requires the homage of the heart before the bowing of the body.

And then we have access to a much larger number than we had at Oberlin. Among not the least interesting features of our field are our little out congregations. ~~I think I have already spoken of them in my last.~~ I have eight of these little out posts, all within three miles of Golden Dale where I gather little congregations of from 30 to 60 persons, on each days. My addresses to them are in a familiar style. ~~and often, may almost uniformly~~ The attention paid to the remarks is close, and almost uniformly frequently there is a very deep interest manifested on the part of the people. I often think that the most interesting part of any labors I do performed in these out congregation. There other destitute neighborhoods about us but I have not time & strength for a wider field. And the interesting fact in connection with these labors is that nearly the whole population come to listen to the word when I go into their neighborhoods ~~& the language~~

Our congregation has on the sab ranges usually from 250 to 300. We have also an interesting Sab School, but are greatly deficient in teachers. We have to do the best we can, and by having large classes endeavor to give to all some profitable instruction. After the preaching services we have catechetical exercise that I think very interesting & beneficial.

This people are again passing through affliction. For several months the small pox has been in the Island, and for the last two months it has been around us within from ½ to 2 of a mile. But within the last two weeks it has spread fearfully. [redacted] done to check its progress, & the people take very little pains to avoid contagion; hence there is a probability that it will go through the Island. It is indeed a pitiable spectacle to pass through the infected district & see them in all stages of the disease. We hardly expect to escape it in our own family. Indeed it is quite probable that one of the boys in our family has been exposed to it to day. We passed a man sitting in the road, who from his acct, was passing through the very height of the disease! - I have vaccinated all the members of our family and nearly 150 children in the community, but fears are entertained that the lymph was not genuine. At Port Antonio 5½ miles from this, the contagion is spreading [redacted] through the town. There have already been about 300 cases! - And immediately about us, in this country place there have not been less than 40 cases within one mile of us! - I have been trying for the last two or three weeks to get some good vaccine lymph but have not succeeded. I design to go again tomorrow. We have a large family & I feel some solicitude respecting our safety. It would be almost a marvel if the small pox should go through a family of ninety (our present number) without being fatal in some cases. We hope to be remembered in the midst of our trials by our kind sympathising friends when they draw nigh to the mercy seat. But we remember we are in the hands of a kind Father, who will not suffer us to be harmed

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You may perhaps think it strange that we have so large a family. Perhaps again you would not if you knew how many youth & children there are all about us who are desirous of having some advantages for an education. They are all students except our little Martha & a little orphan child too young to be at school. We have some that pay their way & some that do so in part. And we have 5 that we support entirely, including clothing. You will doubtless be at a stand to know how we are able to take care of so many. To solve the mystery I would say that the proprietor of the Estate gives me $16.00 per month to take some supervision of his farm & to take care of his stock on the Estate. This last business furnishes a good employment for the boys out of school & gives me the means of providing for them.

But I must here break off as it is time to send this to the P.O.

Love to all our friends in the office. ~~Please acknowledge~~ for me to L Tappan the receipt of his bank note. It would give me pleasure to answer it formally but for the want of time must defer it.

I remain in Christian love

Yours

[redacted]

Rev. A. D. Oles
Mary 20/52

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Parque Rolla May 26th 1852.

Dear Br. Whipple

With gratitude I record the goodness of the Lord to us. Thus we have had a long, yet we have had a pleasant voyage in many respects. Suffer me to mention a few—a very few particulars

Immediately after dinner Saturday May 8th, Captain Jarvis gave orders to "weigh anchor" & "light ship." We had a delightful ride, owing not only to the novelty of being wafted along by the breeze, but to the interesting sights and beautiful scenery on either hand. Two beautiful Steamers passed us near fort Diamond. One going to the windward and the other to the leeward of us made our little bark quite restless for some time. We cast anchor just dusk, off Sandy Hook, in the Horse Shoe, as the sailors called it. We lay at anchor all day Sunday and the Capt. assenting we had some religious exercises on deck, in the forenoon. I spent the rest of the day in distributing tracts and conversing with the captain and his wife and the sailors concerning their souls and the great salvation. I do not wish you to understand that I was the only one employed in such interesting & blessed labors of love. I think that the ladies ~~did~~ acted a noble part.

I soon found that Mrs. Jarvis was evidently under the strivings of the Spirit. I sought frequent opportunities to converse with her. I was greatly assisted of the good Lord. The

resisted, for a time, the influences of the Spirit. One evening, after having conversed with her, she went to her room and wrote a note which was handed me by her servant girl, requesting me not to inform the ladies concerning her feelings, saying that she had concluded to suppress them. You can doubtless imagine my feelings at this point. I commended her to the Lord. I trust that he heard my prayer. She appeared willing to have me converse with her the next day, and was very much affected. I will simply say that tho' she has not a clear evidence of her acceptance with God, she has apparently a fixed principle to do his will as far as it is made known to her. O that she may be a humble, holy & useful woman the remainder of her days!

I wish that I had the time & strength to relate to you the many very interesting conversations I have had with Capt. Jarvis, the Mate & the other men. Also with the Steward and the Irish (Catholic) girl. I trust that good has been done, that the word sown by so weak an instrument in so great weakness, will be raised in power and redound to the glory of God and the salvation of these precious souls.

But I have wandered, pardon this digression. Monday 9th we got outside in the broad Atlantic. Our vessel began to rock and our heads to reel. Three of our number were sea sick, Miss Dean, Miss Hicks & Addison Moffat. The latter vomited twice during the above mentioned day, since which he has been several times dizzy but nothing more. You will doubtless understand me. Misses Dean & Hicks have been sick most of the way. Miss Blakely has not been sick at all during the voyage. She has sometimes felt rather unplea-

ant. We have on the whole had a very pleasant voyage thus far. We expect to be in Kingston to-morrow. The rocking of the vessel prevents me from writing quite as nicely as I otherwise should perhaps. No more at present

Friday 28th We are now anchored in Kingston harbour. As there is a steamer in which we soon expect to leave for New York I hasten to complete this that you may from us as soon as possible. I will simply say that we are all in good health & spirits. We hope to climb the mountains this afternoon or to-morrow. Good-bye.

Yours truly
Addison Moffat

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A. Moffat
Kingston Ja.
May 28/50

Rec'd June 4

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Miss Institution
Kingston, Jamaica
31st May 1852

My Dear Brother Whipple

I beg leave to introduce by this the Bearer, Mr Chas Cullen, a native of Ireland, but for the last few years a resident of this Island. Mr. C. was for a time a pupil of mine in this Institution & has been employed as a teacher among the Wesleyans with whom he is in full connexion. He is now about returning to his native land by the way of New York finding that his health needs the benefit of a change.

Mr Cullen has my full confidence & that of numerous friends in Jamaica, and so far as you can be of service by introductions or otherwise you need not hesitate to do so to the fullest extent.

Mr. C. has kindly offered to take charge of a small trunk containing a can of arrowroot and a few articles for the fugitives of Canada to be forwarded to Bro. Wilson: Mrs Beardslee regrets that a larger amount could not be prepared, but the present distress of the Island has made it almost impossible to raise money for such a purpose, and her sewing circle has been disbanded. I hope Mr. C. will be able to get the trunk to you free of cost.

Lest there should not be another opply by Str. soon I will just say that Miss Dean & Co. have reached us in safety. They arrived on Friday the 28th inst having had a very pleasant passage, with every attention from the Capt. & his very amiable lady. The Ladies have made their home with me. Br. Moffatt with Dr. Barrett, where the brethren have a room. They will be getting to the mountains about tomorrow. All the mission were well by last accounts. The small pox is finding its way among the people at Brainard & probably will go through the country. It is spreading in Kingston, but has been of a mild type thus far — very little mortality.

Our little ones are having the measles which are making a thorough sweep through the Island.

With kind regards to Bro & Mrs Jappan and others — I remain

Yours faithfully
J. O. Beardslee

P.S. Dr. Hyde was in Lorom asking for Mrs. H. the day after she sailed. It seems a marked providence that there should have been an opply for her to sail without any delay or the Dr. would doubtless have prevailed upon her to return with him. I hope she will be wise & stay with her friends, once she reaches them.
J.O.B.

Rev. J. O. Beardslee
Irvington
Mor. Co. N.J.
Mr. Chas. Cullen.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Tuscumbia Alabama
May 1852

Dear E. Whipple

Inclosed

Allow me to say that I am truly sorry, if I have been the means of disturbing any part of your plans or arrangements &c.

And this is all I can find to say in view of not being permitted to go to Jamaica.

Yours very truly

Geo Thos

M. Howe
Tuscarora, NY
May 52

Miss Institution
Kingston, Jamaica
5th June 1852

My Dear Brother

Mrs. McGeachy, lately left a widow, with four children whose support & education are now depending upon her own exertions, has decided on seeking a home in the United States. She is a lady of superior education & having been accustomed to teaching would prefer a situation in that capacity.

Should nothing offer in the vicinity of New York, you may be able to put her in the way of getting a school elsewhere. I would refer you to a document given by our Consul, by the use of which

and a kind word from you to any Railway or Steamboat Director I am confident a free passage might be secured to any part of the United States. I think Mrs. McG would like to be in or near Oberlin on her children's account, and you would be able to give her every information as to what she could do there.

Mr. McGeachy was crown-Surveyor & employed by me to run off the lines of the Brainerd Mission premises, which he did at a very liberal discount & I trust his many charitable acts will be returned to the widow and fatherless as they may need.

Remain
Yours offly
P. O. Beardslee

Rev Geo. Whipple
Sec'y. Am. Miss. Assn.
48 Beekman Street
New York City

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Rev. J. A. Beardsley
Jamaica June/52
Mrs McGeachy

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Oberlinge Shanghai, June 5th 46

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Dear Sir.

You will allow me to remind you that you do not favor me with a reply to my last. If by withholding a reply, you design it a punishment for a spirit wicked & perverse (as it might seem to yourself) which prevaded that, you will I hope allow me to explain myself.

I am very sorry for having made myself so tedious a correspondent — am compelled to say to you that I do not like to be left in uncertainty & doubt.

Yours very sincerely —
M. Hawe.

M. Howe
Range, Ms
L. Jan. 5/52

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
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June 6 1852

Dear brother Whipple

My hand is in for writing long letters, & you will expect a line of course from your faithful friend & correspondent. I have only one relative to write to me which would make my letters few if others did not pity my lonelyness & send words of condolence. I am a great lover of letters as of the friends who send them. Indeed were I assured that all my friends loved me only half as well as I love them I would be perfectly satisfied.

¶ I have been told & from reliable source that the American Missionary Association paid Mrs Hyde's expenses home. ~~I tremble~~ news! I have had many thoughts about it which I will not express. One thing I know Jehovah reigns & I can & will rejoice "tho the earth be removed" Read Psalm forty sixth.

I suppose my shipmates have told you what exquisitely delightful times we had during our voyage & I need not repeat. I think there is no doubt but we took the right ship. Our Jamaica friends in Kingston & in the Mountains were glad to see us. According to the decision of the Brethren I am appointed to go to Chesterfield 3 miles from Hermitage on a high mountain where I can never see any body any more except black folks. I have there a nice new house without a stone, chair, or an article of furniture. This is just what I am used to. I have always had to provide fuel light furniture & for all the expenses of house keeping out of womans wages which has sometimes made pretty close corners. I am not complaining or speaking on the subject of womens rights but stating facts. My sister does the same & is obliged to as long as mother lives but the assistance I render makes her burden some lighter

and were I not obliged to send something to sister in the fall I would order a stove & set of chairs immediately. I am somewhat in your debt now & I am afraid of debt. If the Society can furnish the stove & chairs for the station they will be thankfully received & carefully used. Chesterfield is an important station having a great number of children to attend the school with a prospect of permanency. I think I shall be very happy there tho my feelings would have led me to stay at Oberlin. The people at O feel very much grieved at the change. Hope all will be for the best—

Please remember me kindly to Mr — Jaspers & tell him I do love brother Richardson very much. I hope I love all who love God & "sound doctrine" & pity those who love lies & obey the father of lies. I never considered the opposition I met here before as against myself but against the truth. & any that have made friends with the truth have made friend with me. Your faithful friend

Mary Dean

Mrs Olds advises me not to send for a stove as an iron constitution cannot endure here. Br Wolcott thinks he can furnish what stoves I want

I had a weeping meeting with Br Venning I am more than glad to find him clothed in his right mind & sitting at the feet of Jesus. Verily the heart rejoices more over one lost & found than over ninety & nine that never went astray I am very well & shall commence school soon

Please send me ten copies of the Childs paper published by the Trust So

Did the A. M. A. pay Mrs Hydes expenses home or did private individuals assume the responsibility

I shall be greatly obliged for an answer to this question M. D.

Miss M. Dean,
Jamaica, W.I.
Jan 6/52.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston June 10th 1852

Lewis Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you, in favor of Dr. A Barrett, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in two Bills of Exchange; one for Three Hundred and one for Two Hundred Dollars, each payable fifteen days after sight.

Please honor the above with your accustomed favor and oblige the Jamaica Mission

as ever Yours—

Seth J. Wolcott

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Rev. S. T. Wolcott
to S. T.
June 10. 1862

Advice of draft.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2046
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Rev. J. H. Whipple
June 10/52
Ex. Com.

Oberlin Station, June 10. 1852

My dear Bro. Whipple -

My goods have arrived but much damaged - I should judge not less than $50. worth of books - Some of our clothing was saturated with oil, & much damaged - The Captain offered to pay $13. on books, but nothing on clothing, or other goods - To avoid difficulty it was accepted - The duty was ~~thirty~~ two dollars & twenty five cents ($2.25) - Dr. Barrett advanced the money, but has retained it on my draft - Is it right for me to meet that charge? Or should the association? If it were a small amt. I would not mention it, but it will be difficult to meet my expenses this year if that be allowed - I want just what is just & equal & no more - Bro. Wolcat tho't you would pay it - Should you allow it, I will receive the pay in N. Y. on my order - as I wish to order a bill of Sundries - In reference to this Station - there is a dark & a bright side - I find the people much in advance of what I anticipated - The seed sown has taken root - There are some, well instructed, & well established Christ. - The youth also give evidence of moral & intellectual training - But, on the other side, we have some who act as though they believed it were a virtue to deceive, man and God - we have

also a terrible rum influence against us. There are 12 rumshops within three miles radius of this station!! We were obliged, soon after my arrival to expel one member for engaging in the rum traffic. The churches, of which ours, both Ministers & members, sustain its use, by precept & example. These are dreadful influences to contend against. Depravity & wickedness is the same here as elsewhere. It is important that this station be kept up, in view of the relation other appointments sustain to it. Although it be a sterile field, the influence of this church in this place is working good & I believe ultimately will correct the evils which have crept into other churches, and permantly benefit the people. The church has suffered materially, for the want of a pastor, during Eight months previous to my coming, & the Sabbath school barely existed, and no day school has been kept for six months past. Our congregation, & Sabbath school have increased very much, & things look encouraging.

Our trust is in God to benefit the people. We feel confident we have your prayers and sympathies. Love to all. Our health is excellent, never better. Yours truly P. M. McCoy

The numbered 39 members, yesterday I organized a class of Inquirers, numbering 12 persons, some of them are promising young men. Things look very encouraging.

June 12. 1852 -

Bro. Whipple - Since writing the above I have rec^d the following note, addressed to Dr. Barrett -

"June 6. 1852

"Sir - In reference to the Diploma of Mr. Palmer M. Way, which was left with me some time ago for the purpose of registration in the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Jamaica. I have to say that the College recognises only the schools of New York and Philadelphia, in America and do not admit any other diplomas than those of the two above mentioned schools -

I am your Obt. Svt.
A. Fiddis
Registrar."

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
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You will see by the above that I am shut out of the Med. Profession, and exposed to all the consequences of making a prescription, which is $50. for every such act. ~~But~~ Whilst I have already offended against the law, I am favourably rec^d by the people as a Physician - My influence is probably ten times as much as it would be were I not qualified to practice - I performed, a few days since, a perfectly successful operation, in the removal of a tumour from the face of a boy, which is making considerable noise — Now, I expect, my hatred to rum, & interference with the extortion of Physicians, will cause my arrest - & What shall

I do? If I cease to administer medicine, & give the reason, it will soon be reported that I am an imposter - & both myself & the cause will suffer reproach - If I continue to prescribe, then some evil disposed person may covet half the fine & commence prosecution - I have written to two members of the Med. Faculty, in Albany - and asked them to obtain a certificate of the standing of the Albany College, from the N. Y. College; Perhaps that may induce them to admit me as a Physician &c - Should there be any expense attending it I have directed them to settle with you - & hope you will meet it and charge the same to me ——

Will you Please forward to me the N. Y. Tribune & charge my account -

We are in the midst of the Small-Pox - It prevails also at Brainard & Eliot, schools there are suspended on account of its prevalence - I have vaccinated probably 100 for Cow Pox - have visited & prescribed for several, for Small pox - but one death in this community - I assure you I have work enough & I am happy in its performance -

Remember me kindly to Bro. Lowell & the Committee - Mrs. Way joins in love - yours truly P. M. Way

I have a package of Cowhage, which I shall give to the first opportunity I find, you to send it to Mr. Schiefflein 84 Liberty St. & let me know its value -

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2046 [redacted]
FISK UNIV.

Rec'd at N.Y. June 30/52. G.C.

Kingston June 11th 1852

Dear Bro. Whipple,

Business brings me to town today, and as I must discharge it & return I have time only for a few words—

We have been made glad by the arrival of the new help, bro. M. & Sis. D. M. The Mission have appointed bro. Moffat to Brainerd. Sister Dean to Chesterfield, Sis. Blakeley to Eliot, & Sis. Hicks to Oberlin— We can serve you, we are rejoiced in the present possession of the means of working effectually— May our labor not be in vain—

I have this day drawn on Mr. Sappan, in favor Dr. Barrett, for Five Hund. Dollars, in two bills of Exchange, one for $300, & one for $200.
I wish you to take notice that I have intended the $300, to apply on Salaries for present quarter, and the $200. for building purposes—

Please say to bro. Harned that I am in possession of sundry bills, from him on a/c of Mission— but as I have not been able, from them, to make the necessary entries to your Cr. with perfect accuracy, I have concluded to omit formal report for last quarter & include in present at close of current year. I shall then, I trust, have rec^d from him such abst^ts of a/c^s as will enable me to render a satisfactory report— I drew on Mr. T. for last qr. Mar. 10— for $400—

In meet 1/2 qr. Salary of bro. Way I drew
Bray 21st for $150. — To this, for last & present qr.
is to be added sundry bills pd by you to order s/s
& on a/c of Missionaries. Anticipating the probable
amt. of those bills I have now drawn for present qr's.
Salaries only $300 — Books &c. have arrived all
in good order & to our entire satisfaction —

Enclosed is the receipt for purchase money
of books which by oversight I failed to send sooner —

With abundant good wishes & love
I am as ever Yours
Seth T. Walcott

Rev. S. T. Walcott
June 10. 1852
Advice of drafts
$300.00 Salaries
200.00 Repairs.

Jamaica Mission. Brev Ant

Letter from Rev. A. McKechnie. L.S. S.C.

Brainerd Station. 21st June 1852

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2044
FISK UNIV.

Dear Brother Whipple:—

We have been notified, ere this, of the safe arrival of the little band of teachers, sent out, by the Ex-Committee, for the schools connected with this Mission. I write, to thank you, the dear Breth- of the Committee, & the churches, who have aided in sending out this additional corps of labourers- who aid has been long in reaching us, & our hearts have almost fainted, in consequence of hope deferred. yet, I can assure you, it is none the less welcome, when it does reach us. The intelligence that four teachers had arrived ~~(came to us, just as Br Thompson & myself were about starting for the third time, to go down to Kingston, with the hope of meeting them at it)~~ seemed almost too good, to be true! as the news spread, it was a time of general rejoicing throughout the Mission- And, if you could have witnessed the joyous smile that lighted up the sable countenances of scores of anxious children, & heard their exclamations of delight & thankfulness, I am sure you would have been satisfied, that your teachers, were both needed & wanted. So far as we can judge, from so short an acquaintance, we think they are of the right stamp- those whom God has anointed for their work, & who will enter heartily into our views & plans of operation, & thus prove themselves helpers indeed- We have doubtless been informed of their location for the present- Br Moffat at Mt Patience Miss Dean at Chesterfield- Miss Blakely at Eliot- & Miss Sheets at Oberlin-

The people at Oberlin were quite disappointed in not being able to secure the services of their old teacher - Miss Dean; but her knowledge of this people, & her experience in teaching among them, seemed to require that she should go to Chesterfield rather than either of the other females; as the teacher there, will be three miles away from the missionary family - will be obliged to live by herself & hence be deprived of that frequent counsel & assistance, which a new-comer might need. ¶ You will see that our present wants, are only partially supplied. ~~as yet~~ There ought to be a male teacher at Chesterfield - Br Wolcott is just finishing a good house there for school & chapel purposes, with a convenient tenement for a family in the upper part of the building - The people have bought land & are thickly settled around it, & they want a good man to live & labor among them. ¶ The school at Providence has been suspended for a few weeks on account of the scarcity of provisions, & the colored young man, who was teaching it, has entered Br. Ward's family, for the purpose of devoting himself to the study of Medicine - So that a female teacher is needed there immediately - An assistant is also needed in the Mt Patience school, which has commenced today with 43 scholars - ¶ I am sorry to say, that there is such a scarcity of provisions in many parts of the Island just now, as, among the poorer classes, amounts almost to a famine - Very many parents are forced to keep their children at home, because they cannot walk from two to four miles to school & remain all day without anything to eat. And yet they have nothing to give them, but a 'short allowance' for breakfast & the same for supper! Probably our school (~~but little more than~~ is not) one half as large, as it would have been, had provisions been plenty - If people can get along until Aug., there will probably be a supply of

I am told there has not been such a scarcity of food, for nine
than 40 years. It is owing, not so much to a failure of the crops,
as a neglect to plant, consequent upon the prevalence of the
Cholera some ~~than a year~~ time ago. The people, many of them, were so
panicstruck & disheartened, by its terrible ravages, that they
gave up in despair, & refused to labor. As a result, when the
crops then in the ground were exhausted, & before they had time
to plant & raise a sufficient quantity of Yams (their 'staff of life')
to make up the deficiency, they were in great want. Besides, a severe
storm of wind, last winter, blew down most of the Plantain
trees in this region, & thus cut off another important article
of food. Money is very scarce, & as the mass of the people have no
provisions to sell, of course, they get but very little. Corn is two
Dollars per Bush. & Flour, in the mountains, costs ten Dollars per Bbl.
It is sad to look at the thin, gaunt forms, of many of the poor
children, & see them contending for a half ripened Mango, as tho' it were
a valuable prize. Since I commenced writing this, a member of my
church, came to beg minister to lend him a few quarts of Flour. He didn't
ask money, but would pay for it, as soon as he could raise a little
provision. Said he went home from meeting yesterday, ~~but~~ went to
bed hungry. had nothing to eat! And there are many others in
like circumstances. Old women, bending with age & trembling with
weakness, occasioned by want of food, come tottering to our door
to crave a morsel to satisfy their hunger. I sometimes long for
one of Joseph's storehouses, from which to feed the hungry multitude.
The Samall Pox has also made its appearance amongst us.
There have been about a dozen cases in this vicinity within a
few weeks. one in my own family. a colored boy about 18.
By the use of precautionary measures, & the blessing of God upon them,
the rest of the family, have thus far, escaped. There have been

several cases of ~~the worst~~ a very malignant kind - but none have as yet, proved fatal - I have been among those afflicted freely & have acted both as Doctor & nurse - I suppose I have vaccinated within 6 weeks some 300 individuals - mostly children - There have been several cases at Oberlin; & the opening of the Eliot school has been delayed, by a case in Br Shannessee's family -
at Port Antonio in the Parish of Portland, it is prevailing & proves very fatal - It has also made its appearance at Golden Vale, where Br Olds is laboring - Indeed, it is rapidly spreading all over the Island - In the mountainous districts, however, it is not generally fatal - If, while God's judgments are abroad the people shall but learn righteousness, they will not have been sent in vain - I believe that the Lord, will yet have a people for his praise, in this fair Island - These dark, brooding clouds are big with mercy, & will break
"with blessings on their heads"
Our Congregations on the Sabbath, are still quite large, & the people listen to the word of God with general interest & attention, ~~to the word of God~~ A few interesting cases of penitence & conversion have occurred since I wrote you last - The Sab School numbers 175 members - I hope to forward you my annual Report in a few weeks - ~~Mrs R. and Br Moffat unite in christian regards to yourself, Br Shannell, Br Lapp & all the members of the Ex-Corp - we request a continued remembrance in your prayers -~~

Your Brother in Christ

A. M. Richardson

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A. M. Richardson
Brown Station
Jan 21/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2047
FISK UNIV.

Mico Institution
Kingston Jamaica
28th June 1852

My Dear Brother

I have a few moments only for writing & must come right to a few items in the way of business.

In addition to the ½ doz. Copies more of the Greek Ollendorff lately ordered, I want to request you to procure from Messrs. Tower & Wells

Sent 10/12 by Schr "Peerless" 12 Copies Hydropathic Encyclopedia.
6 " Phonographic Teacher
3 additional copies W. C. Journal commencing with July — and
Sent in Aug to Dr. Barrett 3 Copies of Feb. March & April Nos. of the present year not received. This will make 6 Copies Monthly ~~after the~~ from July & 3 from Jany. 1852.

If you will send my account I will pay it over to Mr. Wolcott and get an order from him on your Treasurer.

Do you know a good man whom I could get to assist me in my labors here? I could engage to give him $400. pr. annum pleasant apartments, Board & Doctor's Bill & might include board of a wife if a married man.

He should be well educated & fond of teaching & one whom I could depend upon as in regard to the exercising of a right influence over the young men of the Institution. Please let me hear from you as soon as consistent on this subject if you should hear of a suitable person.

Yours affly
J. O. Beardslee

Prof. J. O. Beardslee
Thompson, Pa
Jan 2 1852

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2048
FISK UNIV.

Otego July 7th 1852

My Dear Bro Whipple

I have felt more than half inclined for some time to write you a few lines, and to day seem to feel the whole inclination. I have been at Father Hydes in Otego but a few days, having spent a number of weeks with my Mother in Syracuse – The position of my mind since I saw you, may be difficult for me to define – I have heard of those who have felt "all sorts of feelings" – and perhaps I might be classed among them. At least I have had, & still have great variations of feeling. Alternate hopes and fears prevailing, I find my judgment oftentimes controlled by their power. Fears respecting my own souls salvation, are often overwhelming, and then I feel indifferent and stupid to all interests spiritual or temporal. Some part of the time I feel cheerfully contented, at others, dissatisfied and wretched – There was a week while in Syracuse that my distress of mind prostrated my body, and very nearly my mind. If I could have commanded the money I should have gone to you – There was a constant desire in my mind to see you. The conversation I had with you had a soothing influence upon my mind, which makes me desire it again when I am troubled – I believe however that God showed me at this time that to Him only ought I to look for consolation or support. I have received a very affectionate letter from Dr Hyde, by which it seems that he followed me to Kingston with the hope of "seeing me once more", but I had gone – He manifested feelings in his letter that led me both to fear & hope, still hope predominates. I felt conscious while reading it that his confidence in me was preserved, & that I still had an influence there, which may God teach me how to use. I believe more than ever that God directed my mind & course homeward, and am cherishing a secret conviction – perhaps no more than a hope – that He will use that circumstance for my husbands & my own good –

Yours affectionately – F. S. M. Hyde –

Bro Whipple I have had so many let[illegible]
sending them to and from Jamaica [illegible]
Post Office that I do not like to trouble them [illegible]
This is my apology for troubling you as I have
with the forwarding of my letters. I hope to be
able to make a different arrangement before long

T.S. M.D.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rev Jos Whipple

Thos Hyde
Corp Long Isl

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2049
FI. K. U.

Dear Bro. Whipple

I send herewith an order on the Treasurer for Sixty Dollars. I am sending to Bro. Geo. N. Allen for a Melodeon which he said would cost about 50 dollars and supposing there would be something due you after supplying my last order for Books Etc. I have made it 60 dollars. Bro W. has shown me accounts for Jan. & March Amtg to $27.49 which I supposed I was to pay to you. I have no objections to paying here but as there has been a little money of mine lodged with you I would like to make our matters straight & then I will pay in any way that

may seem best to you. I shall give Bro. Allen an order on you for fifty dollars. There will be 10 dollars then due me on the order pay yourself as far as it will go with other monies in your hands.

Mrs. B. says the Noth. Mag. sent is not the same she thinks as the one she used to get. She would prefer the one by French.

Excuse haste —

Yours offly
S. O. Benedict

The small pox is very bad here just now —

Rev. S. O. Benedict
Transition Fam.
July 9
Ans. Aug 10

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2057
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Station July 10th 1852

Rev. G. Whipple.

Oberlin Aug 2/52

My Dear Brother,

By the "missionary" I see you have heard of our pleasant voyage and safe arrival. The 5th day after we landed came up in the mountains, a meeting was called, we were examined, and Mr Moffat stationed at Brainerd, Miss Blakely at Eliot. Miss Deon away off at Chesterfield by herself, and Oberlin school was assigned me. I went to work first. Bro. H. next and sisters Mary & Sarah ~~stayed~~ 48 hr. My school numbers 32. have all shades from the sable African, to the light Quadroon. Find school teaching much more difficult, and laborious here, than at home, - though in these respects it has not exceed my anticipations - a most excellent field to "let patience have its perfect work" Having been but a short time in the Island, of course I can only write "first impressions" some of which are probably incorrect. Have considerable difficulty to understand the people, and guess they also have to understand me, have to simplify, simplicity itself to reach their comprehension. They carry every thing on their heads, and say "yes missis" to all questions, are very, very, slow, letting

Bro Whipple I have read and re-read Paul's excellent epistle to Philem, since I read home the pleasure of reading Mr Whipple's letter of instructions to Oberlin. Why was not the time of the missionary sent, more have been received in the mission, July 18th come ~~letters~~ such. Your sister in Christ
Ch. Hooks

Love to Mr Stephens. Please write, I am as practicable to.

their "moderation be known to all men" The moral aspect of Jamaica looks dark, dark, dark; but am neither disappointed or discouraged, for I come as a missionary and do not expect impossibilities, nor despise the day of small things. Think an Ethiopian cannot be washed white in one term so am thankful for the smallest token for good, and try and sow the good seed by all waters. I may not live to see the ripening harvest, but "the precious grain shall ne'er be lost—for grace ensures the crop". We need more laborers. Miss Cook has thought for years of coming to this Island as a miss: before I left she told me, her brotherin-law had offered to defray her expenses coming, and support her here, one year—what think you of the matter? and also that there was a possibility of her coming this Fall. Bro. & Sister Way treat me with parental kindness, aiding me much in my labors. Teach an adult school Fridays in which Mr W assists he wishes me to say he is obliged for your last communication. The beauty of the country passeth description, so, not even a desire to be graphic shall induce me to attempt it. Never knew how beautiful Paradise must have been, till I come up in the Mts. Last Wednesday, while sitting a breakfast discussing on certain passages of Scripture we had just repeated, we heard a hoarse, low rumbling sound like distant thunder, soon the chairs, table and other furniture shook like aspen leaves, while the house heaved to and fro, reminding us of the great deep, which liquid element we feared would soon rise with ~~yawning~~ gaping mouth and bury us in one wide, deep, grave. In five min. all was still, Oberlin was safe, and we soon learned the Island was. Do.

Mr Hector
Mr Smith obliged for forwarding my letters, and many thanks for the "Christian Herald" you forwarded Miss Dean for me.
Oberlin Ohio

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2051
FISK UNIV.

Kingston July 12. 1852

Rev. G. W. Wheipple.

My Dear Brother.

I am today in town and must take time to address a brief note to you. Bro. Thompson has been written from Oberlin respecting a young lady of the institution — Miss Lucy Woodcock — who can be employed as teacher in this mission —

The communication was from Mrs. Fitch to Mrs. Thompson — and a promise that the Sab. School at O. would do something toward the support of Miss W. Mrs Fitch desires answer before commencement, when Miss W. is to graduate — Can the Ex. Com. send us Miss W.? and if so can you communicate to her? — We are just now pretty well supplied — but the teacher at Providence intends to leave & enter on a course of study under Bro. Way soon, this will leave P. vacant. —

The School at Brainerd will be so large after August as to require an extra hand — We shall not be likely to get too much help if one or two more young ladies were sent us. Can you afford to send them? —

Miss Dean is teaching at Chesterfield in good spirits — School now small — Small Pox raging.

severely - besides cow pox & measles - so that most, both old & young, are in one way or another down — Our new house is to be dedicated first week in Aug. — I am anxiously waiting o/es from Bro. Pearne

All our teachers are employed and we feel encouraged & strengthened - Our people throughout the island are greatly afflicted. The small pox is less fatal than usual, but it prevails to an uncommon degree. We are obliged to make ourselves quite familiar with it.

Respects to all our friends Remember us in your prayers - esteem my present haste —

Affectionately Yours
Seth T. Wolcott

PS. A severe & uncommon earthquake was felt here on wed. morn. last. & another lighter one on Sat. night —

— The June number of the "Missionary" did not come with our other papers —

S. W. Wolcott
Kingston Jamaica
W. I.

No. Dec 1/2

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2052
FISK UNIV.

Chesterfield July 15 1852

Dear brother Whipple

"That life is long that answers life's great end" so are those letters long which answer 'great' letters questions. If you had taken me to the Phrenologist (as you did Mr Moffat by the way we teased him a little about it) it would have saved the asking of your first question about 'pardon' for there is an organ in my head that on an occasion of letter harvest greatly predominates & overpowers all the other organs, so that I have no correct idea of magnitude or distance & dont know long from short. I never received a letter from the states were it never so short that did not keep me awake the good share of two nights after. When I hear any are coming I feel like a child in anticipation of a set of new toys & on reading I laugh or cry as the sentiment may dictate, for I have a peculiar skill of adapting myself to circumstances. I can eat with an old iron spoon, a broken knife, travel in the lower deck of steam boats, a place next door to the pit & where I would not go if God was not there &c &c

I have nothing to say about your aiding Mrs Hyde only it has greatly emboldened me to ask for money, & I hope you will see as good reason for aiding me as her. Dr Hyde & I are antagonists & have been ever since we met

He for Satan. I for God. He declared years ago that he would stay in Jamaica & teach his doctrine while he could get trash to sleep on & yams or even yam skins to eat. & I declared the same. And I was not out of Jamaica while I was in the states, I lived both for & in it. I sleep on trash & eat yam. I have a little flour but have no way of cooking it except I broil it & my meat is to do my Masters will, for I have no others. I do meant to be as diligent in teaching the truth as he is lies. I only pray God to let me live to be the means of converting one more soul than he destroys, & if that one could be the Dr himself it would be my crowning happiness. As for Mrs Hyde I never could recognize her as a moral woman much less a christian, & her last words to friends in K confirmed me in the same opinion of her.

I am living on the mountain & among the people that Dr K tried hard to destroy. Among them are a set of wild youth whom I want much to gain an influence over. They will have their gatherings & unearthly bawling & I want something to draw their attention to the house of God (for I dwell in his house) The people are all like children & need more than I can tell you in twenty letters & I want something for all of them. The two things which I now ask the Association to grant me aside from my salary are a large bell for the chapel & school & a good Meladeon

these would increase my usefulness a thousand fold
Mrs H had a melodeon sent to her & Mrs
Olds wrote to me to bring one but I had not
courage to ask for it then

I beg your pardon for harping on
the old theme & if I can possibly help it I
will not mention Dr Hydes name to you again
Dont understand that I am fretting under
any privations no I am just as happy, I was
going to say as the birds, but that will
be no comparison. I am just as happy as
a human soul can be preparing other
immortal souls for eternal glory.

I am in great haste

Your sincere friend

Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

If the Association will grant my request
for the bell & melodeon I shall
look for them to be forth coming as
soon as may be

Miss Mary Dean
Chesterfield
Aug 16-1782

Read Aug 2

Ex. Com

Bell & Melodeon

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2053
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd - July 20th 1852

Dear Brother Earned -

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance, the bearer, (Mr Joseph Arthur) a gentleman who has been for several months a resident in our family & whom we highly esteem - He is connected with the Mining operations in this region & intends returning to Jamaica in the course of a few weeks - It will give him pleasure to afford you any information in his power, respecting our situation & prospects - I have no doubt, he will cheerfully take charge of any packages you may see fit to intrust to his care on his return - As the messenger is waiting, & I have only a short notice I cannot say more -

Yours very Truly

A. McKickenden

A. M. Richardson
Marion. Ia
July 20/50.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2054
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Station
Jamaica July 30. 1852.

~~Dear Brother Whipple~~

My delay thus long in writing ~~to you~~ has been occasioned by several reasons; one of which is that I might have something to communicate in relation to my school. Perhaps you have already learned by letters from some of the brethren, or sisters, that the small-pox in ~~Br Thompsons~~ the missionary family prevented me from commencing my labors as soon as I expected.

Well I am here at ~~Eliot~~ my mountain home; and rejoice that I am. Nature certainly has done her part to make this an inviting spot. O! I do love to view this mountain scenery, with its rich foliage, fruits, and flowers. But ones <u>own eyes</u> must see, and ones <u>own heart</u> feel, to know the cause and the effect: for I am confident that no pencil can paint, or pen describe in all of its beauty and grandeur the ever varied scenery of these mountains. Words seem so meagre to convey an idea of it, that I have not yet dared to attempt much at description. While riding from Kingston to the stations, I was literally intoxicated with delight. The view far surpassed anything I ever imagined in nature. Though <u>now</u> a little of the novelty is gone, none of its charms have fled.

Do I find natures manifestions here a source of pleasure? I find my labors none the less so. I closed my school yesterday for the august vacation of two weeks, having spent the last five weeks in the

school-room with as much, or more pleasure, than I ever spent the same length of time ~~in Am~~ with a school in America. I have had as yet but 26 pupils but expect many more after the ~~day~~ close of vacation. I found the school in a much better condition than I expected. ~~But I am well aware that the aspect of things here is much better than at some of the other stations. They have had more of a continuous school here than at almost any one of the others~~. I consider my pupils as bright, and apt to learn as those of most of the schools I taught in America. Their interested and animated countenances betoken a degree of intelligence, and natural capacity for comprehension, far beyond my expectation. Yet I often find that I have to use great simplicity in giving instruction, because they do not understand very many of the English terms. If a knowledge of science were all I wished to help them attain, I should think my task an easy one. But when I consider the worth of their souls, that it is for no less than the salvation of these priceless jewels, for which I am to labor, and then consider their habits of lying, theft, vileness, and the unholy influences which every where surround them, I am almost overwhelmed with the magnitude of my work, and feel that I need wisdom such as none but God can grant. This I believe I have had in some degree already, and ~~but to~~ can trust, and ask, for the future.

I think I have seen evident improvement in the school during five weeks, and I am

encouraged looking only on outward appearances, to persevere in my labors with energy; but ~~the~~ much more when I look at the promises of God. So far as I can discover the children here are more easily brought into subjection to school discipline, than those at home; and I do not recollect to have received an impudent word or an intentional mark of disrespect since I came here. The difficulties of a teacher here I apprehend lie more in the vicious habits of the children, and their erronious ideas of right and wrong, than any thing else.

I am not only deeply interested in my pupils but also in the people. Though I am daily becoming more and more acquainted with the deplorable state of society, such as often makes me heave a sigh, and raise my heart in prayer to God, I see reason for thankfulness at what has already been accomplished, and feel to say and believe there is yet hope — yes, there is hope in God. I am exceedingly interested in our wednesday evenings and sabbath morning prayer-meetings. I think I am benefitted and strengthened in hearing the prayers and remarks, proceeding from these uncultivated minds, who have been taught of the spirit. Their expressions though course and unrefined, are often full of sound practical truth, and affect my heart; — perhaps their novelty particularly arrests my attention.

~~In regard to my satisfaction with my field of labor, I will say, that~~ I have not for a moment regretted deciding to come here, since I made the decision. I believe the Lord's hand was in it. I felt to commit my way unto him, and I have no reason to doubt but that he has

directed my steps, and here is where he would have me labor. Though I feel unworthy of the place I occupy, I rejoice in being permitted to exert my powers for the salvation of the stricken sons and daughters of Africa.

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Our passage at sea was exceedingly pleasant to me, as I escaped that general accompaniment of a vessel, sea-sickness, ~~and~~ by the way ~~have enjoyed good health up to the present time~~. We were warmly greeted by the brethren and sisters, with demonstrations of joy and gladness. May their hearts never have cause to mourn our coming among them. I already feel much attached to them ~~brethren and sisters here~~. Brother and Sister Thompson are very very kind to me, and I never have been happier than since my stay upon this Island. — I find Jesus just as near now, as when I was at home. How can I be unhappy with such a friend, so near at hand.

I have an interesting class of adults in the subbath school. Indeed every department of work thus far has been pleasant. What though it is arduous, and beset with difficulties, there is a satisfaction in feeling that one is laboring in unison with Christ, which more than compensates for all the toil.

I suppose Miss Hiale told you about the earthquake. I expect to meet my dear shipmates next week at Chesterfield, at a general meeting of the Voluntary school Association held there. Be assured we feel bound together by a common interest. Yours in Christ & the cause of missions.

Sarah Blakely

Sarah Blakely
Aug 5r
have not yet received the papers you promised me

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Tuscaloosa Alabama

July 26. 1852

Rev S Whipple

Dear Sir— I beg you will inform me whether I have committed such an offense against you as I am told by others I have by not keeping myself in readiness to go to Jamaica whenever you might call for me I yesterday received a letter from Amy and the writer says she is to see my sin and find the path of duty and walk in it and this is not the only source from which I have been reminded of my supposed transgression

Please tell me how you regard it yourself— I am all unconscious of the wrong— I ought I thought you would regard it as a good providence that I was not the way of your letter requesting me to be in readiness

Will you let me have some word from you soon and I hope you will excuse me for addressing you this time

Yours sincerely
Ann Stone

Office for Freedmen Boston Mass care of Rev Lord

Mrs M. Flower
Lenorora Mission
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Rev. J. O. Beardsley
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Kingston July 24th 1852

My Dear Brother

I wrote you some weeks ago respecting some Books Hydropathic Ency, Greek Ollendorff, etc. & subsequently sent you an order on your Treasurer from Bro. Wolcott for $60. both which letters I hope reached you. There is a vessel in from New York which has stores for the Mission, but I have no advice of any place for me, except papers to the care of Dr. Barrett.

If you have not already sent my Books, please receive from Mrs. Gop a parcel of medicines for Mrs. Beardslee sent for by the "Lizzie Nevada" now in port & leaving today - & have them put into the parcel which I trust you will be able to make up for next sailing vessel.

I said something in my last to you about enquiring for a person to fill the place of assistant Normal Teacher in the Mico Institution. I then supposed it was settled that my present assistant would leave at this time, but I have arranged with him to remain and will not therefore put you to any trouble in the matter.

The brethren and their families are all well, though the Smallpox is raging in consequence. Many are dying in this City from the Smallpox and there is a good deal of fever & other sickness — My own family are well. I expect to visit the brethren at their Stations during the August holidays and may go as far as Portland to visit Bro. Olds. Bro. Newhall is coming over from the Northside to go with me.

Wishing you everything cheering personally & in your important work —

I remain

Yours affly
S. H. Beardslee

Revd Geo. Whipple
48 Perkman St.
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Kingston, Jamaica
7th July 1852

Revd Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman St.
New York

Please pay Revd Geo. N. Allen or order the sum of Fifty dollars on my account

J. V. Beardslee

Received payment

Pay to Mr Chas. D. Rudd or order

G. N. Allen

C. D. Rudd

By Walker

J. A. Simons

Cash

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Mt. Patience Aug. 10th 1862

Dear Br. Whipple

It is now vacation. Last week was one of interest and, I trust, of profit to this mission. On Monday, at nearly all the stations, August meetings were held. Education was the theme — its effect in elevating the people and rendering their freedom a blessing. The people appeared highly delighted. They begin to manifest not a little interest in this subject. How glad they are that "teacher" has come? It does me good to have them take my hand; they shake it so heartily. But I am wandering. I began to say something about the meetings last week. On Tuesday Devon Pen was our rallying point. Education was the theme here also. Some big speeches were made too, you better believe. We lodged at Hermitage that night and in the morning early began the ascent. For on this day the Chesterfield house was dedicated. In which is Miss Dean's boasted "High School," because perched on a mountain higher than any of the rest of us. Miss Blakely tries to bring ease to her troubled mind by quoting "Pigmies will be pigmies still though perched on Alps." After the dedication, the Voluntary School Association was called to order by Br. Hall Pres. Some important business was transacted, after which our big guns sounded out "Educate! Educate! Educate"!

I have taught school six weeks. Every Monday morning I rec^d accessions till I had over one hundred names on my list. You will readily perceive that I have more scholars than I can properly attend to. I very much need a well qualified assistant.

Inbrosa. Dear brother: in my correspondence with you before my arrival in New York, you doubtless recollect that I made mention of my desire to obtain a female companion to accompany me to this place. For reasons well known to yourself I gave up the idea. Little did I then think that in this distant island I should find a suitable "help-meet." How often I have observed it in my experience, that when I have been willing to give up what I considered a good in itself, for the sake of a greater good, it has been more than made up to me, if not in that very thing, in something else equally as valuable. I am fully persuaded that I shall do better in respect to obtaining a wife than I should have done at home. So that I am richly rewarded, in this thing alone, for my sacrifices in leaving my native land. But perhaps you are anxious to know who it is. I will inform you as it concerns the mission. It is the teacher at Eliot — Miss Sarah Blakely. You will see by looking above that I design this as rather a private matter. However I hope that you will make such a use of it as will enable you, as early as possible, to send out another teacher to supply the vacancy that will be made. Permit me to urge this thing. Can you not send out one (We need half a dozen) teacher

at least, as early as the 1st of Jan. next? Brother & sister Thompson have spoken of a Miss Woodcock of Oberlin Ohio, with whom they are acquainted and whom they would be glad to obtain as teacher at Eliot.

I have not concealed this thing from the brethren here. They understand it and feel like encouraging it, tho they regret the result on the school at Eliot. May such promptness and celerity characterize your movements, dear brother, that they shall have no cause for regret in this respect.

Miss Blakely does not intend to abandon the work for which she came to Jamaica by any means. She will be no less useful here than there. Indeed I think she will be more useful. More scholars will be under her immediate influence and instruction.

Although in the day school I feel an intense interest I am more deeply interested, if possible, in the Sabbath School. It would do your heart good to witness the quietness & order observed on a Sabbath morning by crowds of children coming over the mountains from almost every quarter, to the Chapel. And then to see their sparkling eyes & shining faces, as with grave looks they sit in the house of worship, who would not think them gracious children? Who would suspect that passion, deceit & lust sat incarnate before him in the persons of some of these? But where sin now abounds, grace, we trust, will, in due time, much more abound. Yours truly

Addison Moffat

A. Moffatt
Mr Patterson
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Providence Station Jamaica, Aug 10th 1862

Dear Brother Whipple

It has been a long time since I have written to you — so long that I fear you wonder at my silence. There are a multitude of things which I might say and yet I hardly know what to write. There is a bright side to things and a side that is exceedingly dark, and could I present so much of each, as to give you a just proportion I should be satisfied. We see some things to encourage us in our work, and yet the discouragements are so many and so great that we often seem to see only the dark side

During the past year we have enjoyed no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet, on the part of some, there has been a constant freshness of soul, and growth in grace. Our prayer and conference meetings have usually been well attended. We can see a general progress among the people. Some reforms are slowly doing their work. As the people become enlightened on important subjects, we see some of them taking correct and decided ground. But I cannot say so of all, for some hold back. Either they do not see the truth, or they will not obey it. I fear ~~it is true of some that they~~ love darkness because their deeds are evil. — ~~that their religion is a selfish religion, and that they are opposed to everything that opposes their selfishness.~~

The Church at this Station now numbers forty two members. Six have been received during the year. One has been cut off, and one has been removed by death. —

Since Mrs Hall ~~closed~~ gave up the school, Charles Sims ~~has taught four~~ open

months. (He formerly lived in Mr Olds' family, an taught the school ~~for~~ at Oberlin, for a while after Miss Dean left there) He closed the school in May because provisions were so scarce, the people could not send their children. He expects to commence school again in Sept. During the year we have raised for the support of the school, for church purposes &c, $44.73.*, $39.66 more than has been paid in, stands promised. Had this been an ordinary year, I think nearly all that has been promised would have been paid. But to many this has been a year of pinching want. There has been a scarcity of provisions, such it is said as there has not been before for forty years. It was occasioned in part by a severe storm in Dec. The people in this vicinity have engaged quite extensively in the cultivation of arrow root, but this year they have sold only a very little. The highest market price has been been four dollars per hundred, and most have been obliged to live upon it instead of selling it even at that price.

There has been a good deal of sickness among our people this season. Some has probably resulted from the ~~manner in which the~~ scarcity of provisions. Just now there is considerable small pox around us. Much of the vaccination proves to be spurious, and so it has done throughout the Island.

The church, which was organized at Brandon Hill last August, now numbers twenty five ~~members~~ with thirteen members. Every thing there appears encouraging except the fact, that the congregation is small, and there are influences at work there which strongly tend to keep it small.

What the church there have contributed for the support of the gospel has amounted, in nine month to $16.38.

There are some hinderances to the progress of the gospel in Jamaica which we all deeply feel. One is, that every ~~body~~ one is already religious

* Deduct $20.43 which we have given to the seminaries is what the people have given.

after his sort
no matter what ~~their~~ his character. One will meet with but a very few adults who ~~will~~ does not profess to be serving God. and yet multitudes who make such profession are living in grof violation of almost every ~~command of~~ divine God. If they are blind, they are most ~~are~~ wilfully so.

Another hinderance is the multitude of little chapels. Every one belongs to somebodies chapel, and let one go out into the highways to try to gather the multitudes into the house of God. and they will tell him whose chapel they belong to. He is at once accused of trying to proselyte, and is impugned with selfish motives.

On a section of country around us. of five miles square there are about twenty five chapels. and the same number of churches and ministers or preachers of some sort. A few of these chapels are included among those places of worship where we trust the people are benefited. but were one to tell the truth of most of them he would ~~say quite too much~~ hardly be credited." A gospel that promises men eternal life while it leaves them in drunkenness and fornication is surely "another gospel"

Ministers dying with Delirium Tremens, and ministers baptizing and receiving to the Communion those whom they know are drunkards & fornicators. are ~~facts~~ occurrences with which one may be conversant in Jamaica. It is true here as it is every where that the wicked do not love the gospel. and although the masses may be loud in their professions of attachment to ~~the gospel~~ God, they are attached ~~to~~ only to that which promises them heaven while it leaves them to indulge in sin. All can find preaching that suits their taste. and they can live as they please and attend chapel where their life will be no reproach to them. were all the people that are within reach of our chapels gathered into them, our congregations would be increased from three to ten fold. In many ~~instances~~ instances those who

attend our chapels are reproached for doing so. It is said to them "Your Yankee ministers will not let you drink rum", &c&c.

The great desire is to get into the church. Several who had offered themselves to this church but who were not received, have left and gone to other chapels. One man a short time since presented himself to the church. His case was not decided then and after the meeting he said if this church would not receive him there were a plenty of others that would.

I suppose the masses were never more hardened in sin than they now are. and if they are ever brought to understand and embrace the gospel it must be after protracted and persevering labor. ~~It sometimes seems that it is injudicious for us to continue our operations here.~~ The night grows darker. The waves of drunkenness and licentiousness and death roll higher and higher and are sweeping off multitudes on all sides, and it sometimes seems as though they would carry all before them

Yet the reasons for becoming discouraged and retiring from the field are also reasons for toiling on. If the gospel can save the world, it can ~~it not~~ redeem Jamaica. We need faith. We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Satan seems to triumph now but. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him"

~~Sincerely & truly Yours~~

Herman B. Hall

Herman B. Hall, Rev.
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Elliot Station
Aug. 12th 1852

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec. of A.M.A.

My dear brother

Another year has passed and while reviewing it for the purpose of recording the principle events, some things make us rejoice while other things make us ful sad.

As a people we have been blessed with very many temporal mercies. The pestilence (Smallpox) which has prevailed extensively in some parts of the Island, and still prevails has not been much among us; and although there was one case of it in our family, that of a little adopted girl still it did not spread though all of us (nine in number) were exposed to it. Being thus mercifully delivered from this most loathsome pestilence we are truly thankful. Not a single member of my church or congregation except this little girl has been attacked with it, making a very striking contrast between it, and the cholera which made such fearful ravages amongst us eighteen months before.

Our spiritual mercies have exceeded by far our temporal mercies. We have very reason to believe that God has been and still is favoring us with the precious influences of his Spirit; without which all other mercies would be of but little avail, and all efforts to save others fruitless.

It is God who gives the increase, if there is real increase and to him be all the praise.

During the past year, fifteen have been received to Church fellowship, and all by profession, except one.

Six have been excommunicated and one suspended for the crime of fornication either in person or conniving at it in others. This is sad, trying, and yet useful work for the Church, we would gladly be spared it, but can hardly hope ~~for it~~ to be for this is still the "crying sin of the land."

I am happy however in being able to say that most of those who hoped they were converted during the prevalence of the Cholera are still "holding on their way." It was a precious work, and while we cannot ask for the return of the Cholera; we do most earnestly ask the return of the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit.

"Those were golden happy days. Sweetly spent in prayer & praise."

Our Sabbath Congregation continues about the same as last year. Among our people there is a growing interest on the subject of vital godliness. A feeling that God requires a right heart and not merely an outside show, for this we greatly rejoice.

Moreover our people, the better informed of them, are becoming more & more intelligent and enterprising, - acting more like men; - there is a decided improvement in the social, intellectual and moral condition of our people.

The pecuniary distress of the country still continues, and our people, in common with others, suffer in this respect. There is but little money in circulation, and of that little, the last year we have collected, ~~not~~ for religious purposes, not near as much as is desirable, and what I hope next year, we shall collect.

We have raised in cash for

Ministers support.	£ 18 0 3	$ 86.46
Building & Church purposes	13 10 7½	" 67 75
School purposes	12. 0. 0	" 57 60
	£ 43. 10. 10½	" 211 81.

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Miss Blakely will give a report of the school from the time she took it, with its present prospects. –

Mrs Thompson has taught the school the last year, twenty five weeks, and Miss Blakely five weeks, making in all thirty weeks school this year –

After the death of Mr John Cambell, (our former teacher) on Aug. 1832, the school did not commence till about the middle of October when Mrs Thompson took it, and kept it till Miss Blakely was appointed to take charge of it.

During the past year we have changed the general plan of support of our schools, – dropping the three pence a week system, which is a kind of tax, and adopting a plan more voluntary, and one better calculated to develope benevolent action in the people – We have now been about 6 months under our new system – hardly long enough to sufficiently test its merits. Thus far, however it has worked well, and promises to.

Some few, – not so ready to leave the "old paths" still pay the three pence a week. – We hope to raise much more for the support of our school in this way, than by the old plan. —

It is due perhaps that I should say something in this report, about Gordon Castle, in Port Royal Mountains, the property of W. W. Anderson Esq. From the time we first went there

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[illegible], ~~for~~ nine months, they were supplied regularly.

When we received instructions from the Society that we could proceed in opening a station there, we called on the proprietor for a legal transfer of the land promised, when we were told for the first time, that a good title could not be given. This of course stopped all operations on that estate. - The very next Sab., we gave information that we should close our visits there for the present, much to our disappointment, and we have reason to believe, to the people's grief.

We do not give up the hope that at some day a station will be opened among them yet. - All the reasons still exist for opening a station there so far as the people are concerned that existed at first - they are a destitute people. And if the facilities for commencing operations, were at our command that were offered us at first, ere this some one I doubt not would have been among them, or at least preparing to settle among them.

In conclusion let me say, This year has been one of mercies, mingled with judgment - With us God's mercies have abounded - Uniform good health, and general prosperity have attended us. - The coming of our teachers, we count among the richest of our blessings. They have our warmest sympathies in their trying labors.

While we thus express our gratitude for present help, we still ask for more - Teachers are what we most need now in Jamaica - But I must close

Yours faithfully L. Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson
Eliot. Aug 12/52

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Oberlin Station Aug 13. 1862

Very Dear Bro. Whipple

I rec'd word last evening from Bro. Walcott that I must make a report of the condition of this Station to you. —

As you have already apprised, this Station had been very much neglected, without a pastor, for 8 or 9 months previous to my arrival. During that time the Station had been very much neglected — the fences were such that it was unsafe to turn out a beast for the night. The land had become thickly covered with brush & trees — the brethren had paid but little of their monthly dues (being little, or no obligation, as they had no pastor). The church was also in debt for taxes about $6. for surveying a piece of land bought by Rev Olds, $5.00 — due on the land $4.60 & some other expenses — Under these circumstances, after raising the money to pay off the above debts, I encouraged the brethren to work out their arrearages on the Station, in building a permanent fence — ditching & line fence and to clear off the land for pasturage, being quite confident that many would never pay their arrearages in any other way. The whole will cost about $40. — the hay about $15 subscribed for the school & $10. for library.

The Cholera, Small Pox & Billious diseases have well nigh paralized the Energies of the people - And there exists almost a famine, all around us - Had I not been able to borrow money of the brethren of the mission my self & family must have suffered for want of food - I am now in debt, for borrowed money - & articles purchased &c more than $120 - Besides $32 I owe Bro. Olds for a cow = I have a great no. of visitors - During the last ten days we have had [illegible] persons, besides horses, mules &c to provide for - And from our position we must expect a house full most of the time - & to furnish my table - I paid $2. a 100 lbs for Jams - 37½ c a lb for butter - 25 c a lb for ham 12½ c for pork - $8½ a barrel for flour, twenty five to fifty cents for fowls & 18 c a dozen for Eggs -

I am in hopes of reducing my Expenses soon as our crops come in, & other provisions -

I think, after the absolutely necessary improvements are finished and the church gets square - They will be able to pay something towards my salary - I can only report -

Received on Salary - £ 0. 0. 0 -
Do for Schools & paid to Teacher £ 5. 0 = $6.25
No. of Members in the Church 33 -
" Enquirers " " " 20

The Small Pox has converted almost every house into a Lazaretto - Though many of our members have had it - none have died with it

There are some bright and some dark spots - It is all sumed up in one sentence "Man's inhumanity to man" - I have been trying to collect facts on the true condition and moral aspects of Jamaica - I have learned some facts that ought to "make devils blush" - if blush, they can - I dare not trust myself to write on the subject yet -

I would only add - we think prospects are favourable at Oberlin - and I hope in six months to be able to report better things -

My head, heart and hands are full -

Love to all -

Yours truly P. M. Way

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I should like to hear from my former companions

P. McVicar
Oberlin Aug 5/32

Rev. George Whipple
Cor. Sec. Friends Society
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Eliot Station
Jamaica Aug 14. 1852

Rev. G. Whipple Cor. Sec. A. M. A.

Dear Brother

In making my report to you I shall be brief, as I have occupied the field but a short time, and have already in a letter given you most, that is worthy of note in relation to the school.

Twenty six names were all that I enrolled as pupils, during the five weeks of my teaching. I expect to commence my labors again on monday, with a large addition. I had a class of mine in Colburns First Lessons and the same number in Morse's Geography. I also took them orally in written Arithmetic. I shall probably have some next term who will study Adams'.

I have not had the least cause for discouragement in relation to their advancement in science; — indeed I entertain high hopes in relation to their intellectual culture — Would that I had reason to be as sanguine in respect to their moral faculties. My hope is in God, that he will turn their hearts to him, and give them a tender conscience.

Your Sister in Christ
Sarah Blakely.

Eliot Sept 3.

Sarah Blakeslee
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Elmira Aug 15th 1862

Rev Mr Whipple

I concluded on reflection to return by the way train of Saturday, which prevented me from seeing you again. But if you have anything further to say to me on the subject to which you referred I should be happy to have you do so by letter — Can you Dr Sir think Mrs E bicinsly immoral? I can not. No Sir I do not. I loved her & I now love her for her intrinsic & efficient goodness, but I will now say no more. I should be glad to hear from you & as I find I am able to write I will try to reply.

Yours truly. E Wyant

Miss A. Hunt
Elmira
Aug 11/52

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Hermitage Aug. 18. 1852

Dear Brother Whipple,

My last letter to you was written in Kingston about the 12th of last month. I have received nothing from you since.

The time is just at hand for our annual Reports, and tho pressed with various duties to the extent of my abilities to perform, I will try to be in good time with this. Some of the brethren have already dispatched theirs.

You are already aware of the peculiar circumstances of the people of my Station - divided into three congregations - the Hermitage people almost wholly removed for the purchase of lands in other places. We still continue to meet at H... every alternate ~~week~~ Sabbath with as good a congregation as could be expected - the numbers not being very much diminished, tho most have to walk from two to five miles. Our center of labor however, & of influence is at Chesterfield. Here we are in the midst of a large population - in the very heart of the native baptist influence. More than one hundred children of suitable age to compose a school are in our immediate vicinity, yet such is the astonishing indolence & stupidity - the brutish

sensuality & selfishness of the multitude that it will be no easy task to bring into the school even one half of such as ought to be there. But tho the desire of our heart seems to linger, there is some prospect of better things. I think we have gained a decided advantage, & hope we shall be able to retain it.

The completion of our new house, the presence, labor & influence of our excellent teacher, with opposing influences somewhat at a distance give us ground to hope. Only three persons have been received to church membership at Hermitage during the past year.

At Devon Pen, the fall of Mr. Bennie in Sept. had for a time an unfavorable influence. But the prompt appointment of Mr. Fenning to fill the vacancy has restored confidence, and there now seems to be a better state of feeling than at any time before since I have been here. Several persons have lately presented themselves as subjects of religious interest, and may soon be received to church fellowship.

The severe illness of Mr. Fenning, just now, ~~may~~ may prevent your getting a report from him, and particulars respecting the school. The measles, small pox & cow pox have considerably interfered with the regular attendance of the children. Mr. F. is just beginning to recover from a dangerous attack of fever. I have spent several days with him as his physician & nurse, applying hydropathy with evidences of the

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happiest effects—

On the 4th inst. we held the first anniversary of our School Association at Chesterfield, when we took occasion to dedicate the new house (the house is nearly, but not quite, completed internally) The meeting was one of much interest & gave us encouragement to hope for some good from our organization. Bros Beardslee & Kirkhall were with us & added to the interest of the occasion.

To the people of my charge, the year has been one mixed with afflictions & mercies— Sickness has been uncommonly prevalent, especially in the forms before mentioned— Small pox is still hard upon us— many have died. Three sisters of the church have been called away within about five weeks. Our Spiritual health too has come far short of "Perfect Soundness". One woman has been excom'd for theft & other improprieties— two have been under discipline for adultery, but manifest penitence & reformation. But on the other hand, the earth has brought forth its accustomed increase, & still promises an abundant recompense to the laborer; & most of us are yet permitted to enjoy & to do— The way too has been preparing, & the needful machinery has been brought into operation for a better sowing & a more bountiful harvest in time to come of those things needful to mind & heart. Our people seem to take new courage, and we are evidently gaining the respect & confidence of those around us. But after all, I am often disposed to inquire— what good am I doing? what good is any body doing?—

Of what use the expenditure of so much money, talent, life to so little purpose? Must not our friends get discouraged in the same labors continually repeated, and increasingly demanded! — But then remove or cause to cease our labors, insignificant as they are, and the whole catalogue of gross abominations whose fruit is present wretchedness & eternal despair rolls its dark night over this otherwise comparatively redeemed & happy people — For after all, the poverty, the ignorance, the vileness, the degradation that exists, there is much of good — much ~~of~~ what is worth to labor for — At least, they are souls ~~at the bottom~~ to be born & nourished to everlasting life — And why regret the cost? How much does it cost to sustain the body? — ~~But~~ Yet the cost must be constantly repeated. How much is done to support hospitals for the unfortunate poor, and shall we grudge to do for those whom Satan has robbed of all spiritual good? But I must stop short, while I seem to have said almost nothing of what I wish to say. With respect to our mission in general, you will be able to gather all that you will need from our individual communications, and I will say only this, that we feel very grateful & much encouraged in our fresh supply of help. I may say we have room to increase our work to any extent that you may be able to sustain. We shall need another female teacher as soon as one can be sent. I believe it is pretty certain that Miss B now at Oist will be Mrs. M at Brainerd about New year — ~~I give below my financial~~ —

The receipts of the ~~Ho~~ support of ministers — $ 38,91
~~Church~~ Church & Station purposes — 28,36
School — 16,50
School House — 53,94
137,71

Besides much that ~~[illegible]~~ has been done ~~[illegible]~~ in the shape of days work ~~[illegible]~~ I remain yours truly
Seth T. Walcott

Rev. S. T. Walcott
Aug 18/52.
Report.

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO. FI-2066
FISK UNIV.

Tuscarora Ships Aug 16th

Mr. E. Whipple
New York

Dear Sir I do not know as you expect or wish to reply to your card of the 9th but you must let me write this time if never again

I cannot have you displeased with me since me lack your confidence & favor in some way Mr Whipple I can better endure the displeasure of others. Indeed I have not regarded the opinion of others in this. I have sinned so ignorantly that I feel my innocent. And your own opinion fails to convince me of wrong doing

I sought an expression of it because I wanted to meet with it the reproaches of others. but I was not expecting your opinion would be what it is. I might

as well have remained in the bliss of ignorance as I certainly have been. I may have been under a delusion in the course I pursued & may be now in failing to see the wrong. If I had consulted you before coming to J. it would have been well I know, but I did not & so of course neither knew what your plans or wishes were as you did not inform me. And from the heart I was weary watching & waiting to know what they were. The cause lies here & no where else. I was impatient of the long delay I supposed to that as the season was so far advanced you would send some but here too I was mistaken.

I did not come to J. at the request of the missionary so she said. The teacher here had been an associate at C. she had for months been urging me to come to her help. I came

solely at her request. But my interests are not in the Discussions I do not wish to remain here permanently. tho it has been proposed that I do so. I have been made willing to give up the Indians so far as a field of labor is connected with them. It was very difficult to make a transfer of interest to another field but it was made entirely while corresponding with myself with reference to Jamaica

And if it is now the life completed work that at present among them, I would not once have been willing to labor for those degraded by slavery, but I have had mistaken views and as I have been made willing to choose a field among them, I would say that I do greatly desire the work I should find at Jamaica or Liberia. How could you write me that you thought my heart had been turned from that field.

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I received your letters of March 5th & 15th
via Orange & Kinsdale some after coming
to Z. I did not write you for I did not
know what to say. I hate apologies & I did
not think they would avail much
with you. Your impressions had probably
gone before I received them. I thought if you
wished me to go at any time you would
write me but as you have not done so
I have regarded Jamaica as so budget up
way if I have deluded myself into this.
It lies with yourself to point out the way
of getting out of it. Tell me what you would
have me do. If you do not care what I am
sure you can not refuse to be reconciled
to me on some conditions till you
name them for your displeasure is not
easily borne

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I did see that you felt so vexed to prostrated & I was sorry here, very I suppose I ought to be for not consulting you & for being here when I ought to be some where else but I cannot confess any time until I am convinced of them but I am sorry as I am capable of being for having offended yourself by doing as I have but I did not know any better than to do just as I did

Let me still be at the disposal of your board and I am convinced to know that you would have made this long silence has led me to conclude that you did not consider me under appointment shall I still consider I am to wait your decision or may I go to Tilton if I can get there. I have already taken

some steps towards this end if my
wandering out of the way of your journey
should lead me to Africa you can affirm
to, a result in any good, would you not
think it had then been a providential
arrangement

I am hardly equable for writing
you again but you may as well bear
with me a little longer, I know you
have already done so & that only adds
to the burden of your kind favor

Yours
very sincerely
M. Thomas

Mr. M. Thomas
Lawrence Mass
Aug 6/12

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Lawrence Aug 6th 12

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NO. EI-2068
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Jersey Shore Aug 11th

Rev. G. Whipple
New York

Dear Sir

If you propose to reply to my communication of the 16th please favor me with it before the 25th of the month. I am under the necessity of making this request and should have added it month the other day but neglected to do so.

Yr Obedt

M. Howe
Tuscarawas Mis
Aug 19/52

Rev. E. Whipple
Sec Am Bible Association
48 Beekman St
New York

Pekin Mis
Aug 20

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2069
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Kingston Aug. 24, 1852

Dear Bro. Hoerned,

I came into town yesterday in company with Bro. Thompson on our return from the parish of Vere where we have been making investigations in respect to the religious & educational condition of the people. We find the destitution very great. Several districts are thickly populated having the appearance of crowded villages but in a most wretched state of ignorance & pollution. Prospects for the rising generation gloomy enough. Emancipation alone does not here deliver the wretched from their wretchedness, freedom does not make free men.

On our arrival in town we met Mr. Cockel from the Sandwich Islands, just in time to give him our letters & compliments to you. I sent one to Bro. Whipple Mr. C. was on board the Ohio.

I have worked six days hard on those accounts, & hoped to have sent them with this, but the time appointed for me to go to Vere found me with the affair not quite finished. I have completed a thorough revision, and can congratulate you with the fair prospect of putting everything in a clear light & in good shape. I at first attempted to adjust matters by simply pointing out to you the alterations & amendments necessary in the several sheets you sent me, but found that this course would be attended with so much inconvenience to you that I finally settled upon another plan, which is to let your

charges to me remain as they are without exceptions and rearrange all my charges to you so as to correspond in date &c as nearly as convenient with yours. In this way I think I can greatly simplify the accts and make them very intelligible. I think I shall be able to forward them to you in a short time. Mean while I shall be obliged to make new drafts on your Treasurer, which I do a little in advance, first because it will save me a journey to town & second because several of the brethren have assumed obligations to be met precisely on the first Sept. I presume it will meet with no serious objection on your part, as I shall put the drafts at a little longer from sight than usual. I propose to draw for $500.00 now & adjust the balance at another time. N.B. Please remind Bro. Whipple for me that I have never received from him any reply, only a promise of one, in regard to the recommendation & action of the mission in the reappointment of Mr. Kenning teacher &c. in our mission. I have paid his salary up to the present time, eight months, on my own responsibility, and from my own borrowed means, in the continued expectation of soon getting your decission in the case, not wishing to enter any charge in my account with the Association until the matter was settled. But my time is spent & I must stop short.

With much esteem Yours truly

Seth T. Wolcott

S. T. Wolcott, Jamaica
7/24/52
acc'd. 9/15/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2070
FISK UNIV.

Jackson Miss. Aug 1844

Dear Sir,

Did I in my letter of the 16th give you the impression that I proposed a field in Liberia. If I did let me say I did not design to do it, and I can say no less than this that if the way is open for me to go to Jamaica it is my entire choice to be sent there and I shall the more cheerfully go because I shall hope by so doing to meet a past obligation which I have from some cause failed to realize as I might (perhaps)

I must have one line from you Mr W. that I may see clearly in what way to dispose of other plans

Yours sincerely
A. Home

Miss M. Howe
Pekin ~~Sept~~ 1/92,
Aug 30.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2071
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Dear Sir

Your letter of the 22d I have just received. I will not trouble further at this time than to just acknowledge its receipt and say it is very welcome.

Yours respectfully
S. Evans

Miss M. Howe.
Pekin Aug 30/52

Rev S. Shipple

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~~Brainerd Station~~ August - 1852

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In presenting our first annual Report of Missionary labor in Jamaica, we would acknowledge, with humble gratitude & devout thanksgiving, the protecting care of our heavenly Father in preserving our lives amid the ravages of contagious disease on every side - Altho' often exposed, (& once afflicted, in the person of a member of our family) yet ourselves & our dear children, have been mercifully shielded from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, & from the destruction that wasteth at noon day - It is true, we have been chastened by other means, but God has tempered mercy with judgment, & proportioned strength to our day - and we would accept all as additional proofs of His paternal love.

It we should say, that the past year has been one of arduous, exhausting toil - that the trials, anxieties & discouragements connected with our work, have been many & great, we should only affirm, what is doubtless true, of every year's experience, in the life of every faithful missionary -

And yet, we feel that it is good to be here; for we believe that God has placed us here, & that He has a work for us to do, in laboring for the elevation & salvation of this long-abused, degraded people - The circumstances under which we entered on our work, were peculiarly painful & trying. The people here, had lost all confidence in those who had been for some years, their spiritual teachers & guides. They had proved themselves, if not blind guides, even more - false teachers - inculcating the most pernicious errors in doctrine, & encouraging by precept & example, the worst practices ~~of Christendom~~

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as might have been expected, division & alienation of feeling among the members of the church, had followed, & numbers were led away from God & duty - while the blighting, soul-destroying influence of such an unhappy state of things, upon the minds of the unconverted, may be better imagined than described - as a legitimate result Licentiousness has greatly increased, & several of the church have fallen into the snare & have been excommunicated ~~for Adultery & Fornication, or for conniving at those sins. The administration of discipline~~ The work of purging the church from these abominations, has been a sad & trying one - But the great majority of the members have stood by their minister & acted with promptness & decision ~~in this matter~~ And the happy influence of faithful discipline impartially administered, is already apparent. All have confessed their sins, & some show signs of true penitence. The position of the ch on this subject, is clearly defined, & to some extent, a healthful public sentiment has been created. But those who have never lived where Slavery has given a loose rein to the demon of Lust, can form no adequate conception of the awful prevalence of Impurity in all its protean forms, among the people of this Island. The leprosy of moral pollution, has blighted almost all, that should be virtuous, lovely & of good report in society. The marriage of a truly virtuous couple, is an event of very rare occurrence. ~~It is quite common for young girls & unmarried women to give birth to children, & they seldom exhibit any signs of shame or appear to have any conscience about the matter. And what is strangest of all & most to be deplored, some mothers seem to glory in affording to their sons & daughters, every facility for carrying on this work of death~~ To stay the progress of this giant evil, & apply the principles of the Gospel, as the only

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effectual remedy, must be a prominent object of every faithful missionary's labors here-

But while there has been much, in the experience of the past year, to try our faith- tokens for good, have not been wholly denied us- on the contrary, there have been many developments of such a character, as to inspire hope, & cheer us on in our work. Our Sab. Congregations have been uniformly large, & the preaching of the Word, has been listened to, with marked attention & interest. A large number who had gone off & attached themselves to a native chapel in this vicinity, during the confusion here, have since returned- the Sab. School which had been almost entirely broken up, is now numerously attended, & in a highly prosperous state; and there have been several hopeful conversions among the young people connected with it. During the year- the division & dissension engendered in the ch- have been mostly healed, & general harmony & good feeling now prevail among the members. On the subject of Temperance there has been a manifest progress, during the past few months. All who stand connected with the church, were once pledged tee-totallers. But during the prevalence of the Cholera, they were advised by physicians, to make use of brandy & other alcoholic stimuli, as a protection(?) against that terrible disease. The result was just what might have been anticipated. In many instances their former drinking habits, regained the ascendancy- Recently, however ~~the subject has been agitated anew & a movement undertaken & has been held~~ the cause has rec^d a fresh, & we trust permanent, impulse- Several who had relapsed into their former habits, have confessed their sin, & promised reformation- and the church as a body have renewed their pledge. Continued ~~See page 4~~

A. M. Richardson
Brainerd Aug 1/62

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By A. M. Richardson

Minister.

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But it is the hope & belief, that these external indications of progress, are the genuine fruit of an internal work of God's Spirit, upon the hearts of the people, that affords us the strongest encouragement. Altho' we cannot report any remarkable awakening among our people, during the past year, yet we have good reason to believe that the Holy Spirit's influences have been silently operating upon many hearts. There has been no time for several months, when there were not a goodly number in the congregation, who seemed truly anxious to be taught the way of life & salvation - and almost every week has furnished some new cases of awakening - No communion season has passed without several additions to the ch- by profession. Our plan has been to have the candidates under weekly instruction for several months previous to their public examination before the church, which usually takes place 3 or 4 weeks before the time for their admission - In this way an opportunity is afforded for testing their religious knowledge & experience, as well as their daily life. Nor will it be not strange, that rigid & repeated examinations should often reveal such a state of heart or life, as renders it necessary to refuse the application -

One young man, of more than ordinary intelligence & promise, who was hopefully converted last fall, is now engaged as an assistant in the school at Mt Patience, & is also prosecuting his studies with the intention of preparing himself for more extensive usefulness. I must not omit to mention, that we feel greatly encouraged by the recent opening (or reopening) of so large a school at this station, & the general interest manifested by all classes in its success & prosperity -

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aided (in part) by funds from the Board at home, ~~the buildings~~ on the Station, have all been painted & repaired. A new iron roof, ~~(the materials for which had been previously purchased)~~ has been put upon the Mt Patience house, & the Chapel has been partially ceiled overhead, in order to render it more comfortable, as the radiation of heat from the iron roofing, on a clear day, was very oppressive. ~~The Chapel has no permanent seats yet, but we hope, if prospered, to do something towards this execution the coming year.~~ The following statistics, will help you to form a correct idea of our situation & prospects:

Average Congregation on the Sabbath	400
Number connected with Sab School & Bible Class	190
Do " " Church when we came	106.
" Excommunicated during the year	13
" Dismissed to other churches	8
" Deceased	2.
" Recd by Profession during the year	42
" Do " Letter	3
Present nos of Church members	134.
Nos of Adults Baptised	29
" " Children Do	24
Present nos of Inquirers	40
Amt contributed for preaching	$45,00
Do " " Chapel & Station Purposes	138-56
Do subscribed " Mt Patience School	107-87
Labor performed on Station 300 Days at 1/	75 - ~~00~~ = 366.43

Only about ¼ of the amt subscribed for School has been actually paid, as the year did not commence until June, & the whole ~~sum~~ not due until the expiration of 6 months. Sickness & the great scarcity of food, have very much lessened the amt of the ch's contributions the past year — but they have done better than many ~~chs~~ at home, I believe. I will not say, they have done what they could.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Golden Vale July 19th 1852

Rev Geo Whipple

My dear brother

~~In again making our annual report to the home society~~ We have first (in hope with joyful & grateful heart) to acknowledge the good hand of God upon us, in our persons & family, and upon the people with whom we have labored. Although for months we have been surrounded by the pestilence that walketh in darkness & the destruction that wasteth at noonday, yet it has not entered our dwelling. It has indeed come nigh us, but God has thus far thrown around us the "everlasting arms" and shielded us from the ravages of the destroyer [While I was writing the above, a man called upon me saying that a carpenter could not be obtained to make a coffin for one of our nearest neighbors who this morning died of Small pox. I immediately left all and went and made the coffin, then repaired to the place of burial, and have just now returned to resume my writing]

The report of my labors with this people commences with about the middle of Sept 1851. As I have informed you in previous communications we found them ~~people here~~ in great darkness respecting the way of salvation through Christ. Their imperfect knowledge of Christianity is so commingled with gross superstition, that one almost feels, ~~sometimes~~ that it were better for them not to know any thing of Christianity. And yet I hope some of them, through the glimmerings of light that reach their eyes, discern savingly gospel truth. It is often my lot to come in contact with their superstitions. As an instance last friday, ~~but~~ when I came to the place of my second appointment I found they had not heard of it, but as it was their usual day for meeting I found several of them there engaged in some religious exercises. I went in & found they were partaking of a religious meal, or rather had closed the repast & were then

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engaged in "saying grace." They had a set form which the "master of ceremonies" first repeated & then the whole company in a monotonous sing-song tone joined in a chorus. Then the second one "said grace" and the whole company joining in the chorus as before, and so on through the company even to the children! Their equipage was in uniform. The men & women were dressed in white. They ate from white bowls set upon white plates. Their tables were made for the purpose, and were quite low, & narrow; one long one & two shorter ones all covered with white cloths. When they had closed these ceremonies their "leader" gave some brief exhortations, some of which were very good. These exhortations for I concluded were strictly set for the responses that were given by the people were various, and yet they all spoke in concert & said the same words. All this was done with an air of sanctity that would forcibly remind one of those in olden time who "made sad their countenances" & "disfigured their faces". Their repast consists of hot tea seasoned with milk & sugar, into which they broke bread. I have since learned that this ceremony with the same uniform is common among the people of this region.

But it is time I had left the descriptions of such things, else you will not get a "report." Our congregations during some of the first months we were here were not large, but varied from 100 to 200 but on the whole gradually increasing until our place of worship was too small for us; when we commenced fitting up the house the proprietor of the property kindly gave us the use of. It is a substantial stone building well roofed with slate. Our chapel room will comfortably seat 300, and in good weather it is generally well filled. Our seats hitherto have been but temporary ones, but we are now well advanced in supplying permanent seats. The pulpit also is nearly completed. All this will be done with the trifling expense to the society of about $40.

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There now appears to be every prospect of there being a large & permanent congregation at this place. It is however at present considerably affected by the small pox. Not only are there many sick, but many

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many others are kept at home to take care of the sick. An almost incredible number of cases have occurred within 5 or 6 miles to the N & NE. of us; probably not less than <u>one thousand</u>. Nor does the disease generally show symptoms of abating in any given locality until there are no more victims to prey upon. The people are exceedingly negligent about exposures & remedies. Multitudes are not vaccinated although they know they may have it free by applying for it. I have vaccinated many hundreds, and yet there are hundreds now that have neglected it.

It would seem as though the people while groaning under their chastisements would bethink themselves & turn to God; but alas many of them I fear are becoming hardened in their sins. Scores of them, when they get well seem to flatter themselves that now they have passed all danger, they may return to their pleasures & live for this world. Pray for us ~~dear brother~~ that these afflictions may be sanctified to the spiritual & eternal good of this people.

A. M. E. ARCHIVES NO. FI-2076 ASK UNIV.

Although we meet with many discouragements, there are yet many interesting features to this field of labor. I have already in other communications spoken of the interest I felt in my out stations, 8 in number where I preach on weekdays to little congregations varying from 30 to 60. That interest still continues. For the present however our meetings are suspended at several of these out posts on account of the prevalence of the small pox. Often in these little assemblies when Christ & his claims are held up before the mind, the silent tear may be seen stealing down the cheek, ~~[illegible]~~ giving rise to the hope that the word is not preached in vain. Although alas these impressions are but too transient. The people are governed so much by mere feeling that a present good impression is liable soon to pass away. I often think that dines of them do really purpose to lead different, if not <u>new</u> lives. But they are so excitable, and have so few fixed principles to guide them that as soon as they go out from under the sound of the gospel, when the first gust of temptation strikes them, they fall. Those that have really embraced the gospel (I hope there are a few such) are but babes in Christ. They need constant care and nourishment; and it must be "the simple milk"

Tho Dey 2/52.

At present I see no flattering encouragements to hold out before you except this. we are in the midst of an ignorant & nudy & degraded people for whom Christ died. And in behalf of whom we have the promise of God that we "shall reap if we faint not." And we believe the word of God standeth sure, & that that word spoken in faith & love will not be in vain. and that ere long we shall see the fruit of our labors. Our S.S. is we think an interesting one. The attendance is ~~I should think~~ from 100 to 150. But we much need more teachers. We have not a teacher except from our own family. We also have a catechetical exercise after sermon in the afternoon, which is attended by almost the entire congregation. This exercise is much among our most profitable ones. Its chief design is to get in as plain & simple a manner as possible the great doctrines of Christianity before the minds of the people. And hence the best opportunities are given to come in contact with some of their superstitions, which I hope are beginning to yield under the repeated impressions of gospel truth.

I have not as yet made any effort to collect from the people ~~except for the chapel. For this they have paid in $42.30~~ ~~assuming for my support, hoping that any such effort prematurely made might not~~ lead to the best results. I wished at last to make the impression that it was not the chief part of a missionary's business to collect money * For chapel purposes ~~$~~12.30 have been raised

A school was opened here in Oct last & has been continued ~~up to last~~ ever, with the exception of the Christmas vacation. For the last few months the attendance has been from 25 to 30 per diem ~~Latterly however it has been much affected by the Small pox. And last week it was dismissed on that account.~~

With kind regards in which Mrs Olds joins, to the members of the Ex Committee

I subscribe myself in Christ

Yours

A. D. Olds

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~~* The question was once asked the people here "What is a missionary?" The reply was "one who goes about to collect money to send the gospel to the heathen"!~~

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. E-1-2076
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Hermitage Sept 3. 1852

Dear Bro. Hamed.

I have at last got through with what I think a pretty thorough revission of the accounts. I have brought everything up to Aug 31st except a few items of goods not charged me in your accounts, and the Mission Receipts for Ministers, Schools &c. which have not got come in to me, all of which I shall pass to your credit as fast as I get them, commencing with next quarter. I could enter now (e.g.) Bill leather to Sr. Thompson. Sundry Clothing, quilts &c. Sold, but I have thot best to wait till accounts of these things are more fully completed.

You will observe in my summing up of aps a pretty large balance against me. This is owing to my assumption, for the sake of keeping the accounts clear, first of the loan of $150, for Books, and, second, of the brethrens orders for goods &c. amounting to something more than the balance as I have drawn it, and which is of no avail to me till the commencement of the next quarter.

N. B. After I shall have added the receipts of the mission from Congregations &c. the present balance will be somewhat augmented, and, of course, will go to offset my debits in part for the coming quarter. But when I shall have entered all goods sold begs from people &c. One Brother will have been paid not for next quarter only, but for more than half the coming year. This, with the $150, for books, together with the fact that thus far

I have paid the Salary of Bro. Denning since 1st January and have not entered it in my charges to you, may render it impossible for me to get along without overdrawing our account for the coming quarter. Keeping this in mind then, you will bear with me if I continue for a time to retain a balance in your favor.

I think you will readily apprehend my plan in the arrangement of accounts. I may not have hit upon the wisest course but I hope it will prove satisfactory.

You will observe, first, that I allow all your charges to me without exception to remain as you have put them. Secondly – Your charges to me, taken from my reports, on Sheets #1 & 3 you will find 'altered & amended.' The first two items viz. Provisions, Books, are entered in your Sheet Page 1. & I only enter here the balance of each. I drop all the items which you drop as "Belonging to a former generation," together with the bill books for mission 1842. Also the 2 items you mark (3) as you have entered, as you suggest, both there in one sum under date of Nov. 1850 – You have entered erroneously $240 School fees by Denning. It should be entered but once, which I have done. The balance $300.52 is so by error of mine, corrected it is 300.42. I add a supplement to your charges to me of Drafts $260. – so much for your charges to me. Now for mine to you. These you have drawn off on sundry sheets, and I would correct them by simple reference to these sheets, but I should perplex you too much. So I lay them entirely aside. In your sheets you commence with giving me credit for a full report prior to the point from

which you start; and subsequently entering another quarterly report which I know not where you obtained; thus giving me five quarters in the year instead of four. I refer to Sheet E bottom, commencing with Nov 25 – All that follows is erroneous. The first two items on this list belong to the head of sheet E – Enough for that, as it all goes by the board! – You will find on the sheets which I send you all my charges to you, and arranged under dates corresponding with yours. You will do well to bear in mind that the items comprising our several accounts are divided into two distinct classes, first those that are properly funds disbursed by me in payment of salaries &c. and belonging to a/c of individuals – and second, those disbursed by you & belonging mainly to general a/c of Mission – I do not mark the distinction in words – It will readily be seen to which class each item belongs, & hence will be seen the propriety of my several charges. In comparing my first page with your first, you will observe distinctly my plan: selecting from your sheet all items belonging to the latter class, general a/c of Mission, & charging them accordingly, leaving undisturbed all items of the 1st class, which are offsets of course, by charges which follow of payments made strictly by me here. The 2 courses of items are intermixed in a/c, of 2d & 3d years for correspondence of dates. – E.g. in my 2d charge 208.90 – You will see that I have excluded corn, & in charge 3d Freight on corn because these belong to individuals and the remainder to general a/c. See also item ginger crackers 2.50 72. This I cannot use in payment of individuals, so I put it to general a/c of mission. So of all of the same sort. –

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We have not received the Sept & March reminders of the Butter Fund.

In the last years account you will perhaps find some items which ought to be charged individuals, which I have put to general a/c. – particularly in a/cs with the last company sent out. Some items I have no trouble with – of others I am in doubt, e.g. such as traveling expenses of Mrs Blakely & others, I do not hesitate to put to general a/c but such as "Specie paid to female missionaries" bills Dry goods, Books Coffin's bills &c. I am not so certain of. The missionaries cannot tell me, and as you have not I have entered all to general account. If any items which I have thus put to general a/c require to be changed to individuals so as to apply on salaries here, you can easily make the change and point out the items, & to whom, to me by reference to date & I can at once make the change here, as I preserve **copies**. —

I see nothing more in the way of "sticking" a proper balance to our books. – I do not see the error you mentioned in my addition in Report of March 31/50 That Report was sent to Mr. Sappan not quite complete for want of some explanations, when I got these, I completed my copy & requested Mr. Sappan to make the same additions in the original. This was probably not done, and hence some discrepancies. I drop from this report in my present a/c – Repairs on Providence house $48, which you had included in your credits to me; and I enter Expenses of missionaries 48,72 & bill of books for mission 3,50 which you omitted

I have a few items which might properly be brought from a/c prior to our starting point, & passed to your credit but as I have enough to balance them on the other side – and wish not to confuse the accounts with them, with your permission I will take the responsibility of a rightness adjustment of them without any further trouble to you.

I have a copy of that missing report, but you will not need it now. Please let me hear from you soon as may be – I am anxious to see a/cs straight on books up to close of present current year. My respects to Mr. Sappan & others – My sympathizing with you in labor, I am yours truly

Seth S. Wolcott

American Missionary Association in account with the Treas. of the Jamaica Mission

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES
No. FI-2079
FISK UNIV.

		Dr			
1849 October	To W. H. Evarts, for expenses to New York	$ 80	00		
Nov.	" " " for Clothing Traveling Expenses	208	90		
"	" Passages of Missionaries	360	00		
"	" L. Thompson, traveling expenses of Mrs. Thompson	141	50		
"	" H. B. Hall, travelg expens. 61,44 outfit 100	161	44		
"	" Miss M. Hunt, Outfit & expenses	54	00		
"	" Bells, for Oberlin & Eliot	144	00		
"	" Freight on goods from Ohio 14,18 Daguerreotypes 14	32	18		
"	" Copying press & acc.t Books 14,33 Dressing lumber 7,13	21	46		
"	" Bill of Books for mission 3,50 Nails for buildings 21,31	24	81		
"	" Carting 2,00 Telegraph 1,07 - Copy New Englander 2,00	5	07		
Dec.	" Lumber 36; Stationery 2,20 Sundries 1,56 Insurance 46,59	86	35		
1850 Jan.	* " Crackers [for W. Evarts] 8,72 National Era 5 copies 9,17	17	89		
Feb.	" Christian Citizen for Miss M. Hunt	1	50		
"	" Paid for W. H. Evarts 2,78 Med.l attendance on Mrs. Thompson 7,	9	78		
March	" Bible for Purser of Empire City 2; Freight on bells 1,75	3	75		
April	" 4 Copies Tribune [no owners to be found]	3	84		
May	" W. H. Evarts, bill paid to J. M. Pilet	5	00		
June	" 1 Copy Road Laws		50		
Aug.	" Wm Hearned, Expenses to Elmira with Miss Hunt	7	88	1369	85
Aug 31	" W. H. Evarts, amount on Salary to date	314	37		
"	" E. B. Venning, Do. 330,86 Assistant 78,80 on behalf of Beneficiaries	454	66		
"	" J. S. Hyde 365,86. H. B. Hall 250,00	615	86		
"	" L. Thompson 300. S. S. Wolcott 370,66	670	66		
"	" A. D. Olds 412,61 Thos Austin 153,20 A. Rennie 261,07	826	88		
"	" Mary Dean 138,88 Mary Rennie 34,32 Miss Hunt 69,36	242	56		
"	" Mrs Storrs, Donation for Mrs. Wolcott	20	00		
"	" Dr. Barrett, for Recent of Beeves	57	60		
"	" Roof & other repairs on Int. Patients 177,40 High School 71,00	248	40		
"	" Oberlin Chapel 104,45 Brainerd 14,40 Devon Sem 24,	142	85		
"	" Eliot House & Chapel 4,80 + 19,20 + 52,80 =	76	80		
"	" Providence for support of School	28	80		
"	" Expenses of Missionaries from arrival per Adelaide in Kingston				
"	" to Dec. 31st. 48,72 Discount on drft of July 17th Hoyes & Co. 5,70	54	42	3753	86
	Whole amount of past year			5123	71
Sept. 11	" Passage of Miss M. Hunt to New York	91	20		
Oct.	" High School for Sundry fixtures	19	20		
	" Discount on Draft of Sept 11th favr. of Hoyes & Co	5	20		
Dec.	" Expense on broken bell 64,00 Do on new bell 1,55 at N. Englander 2,00	4	19		
1851 Jan.	" Charges on $750,00 Gold remitted to S. S. Wolcott	14	75		
Feb.	" Appropriation for Chesterfield School-house	100	00	254	54

* See omission on page (3)

1851	Brought over			234	54
April	" A. M. Richardson, cash 60, 70 freight on goods 18,77	79	47		
"	" Mary Dean, traveling expenses, board &c	13	12		
May	" L. Thompson Draft for purchase of Eliot land	174	08		
"	" A. M. Richardson Passage &c 139,63. on acct salary 100,	239	63		
"	" McPherson Stoves [for A. M. Richardson]	29	67		
"	" Mary Dean, bal. of expn. 11,20 Passage to N.Y. in march 65,	76	20		
"	" Discount on drafts of march 26 & April 11th	10	00		
"	" Appropriation for addition to Oberlin House in april	40	00		
Aug.	" Copy New Englander 2,00 Discount on draft of June 5th 7,20	9	20		
"	" Oberlin for support of School	34	56		
"	" Mary Dean six months' salary	80	00		
"	" L. Thompson Salary from Sept. 1st 1850 to Aug. 31/51	400	00		
"	" A. D. Olds do 400, S. T. Wolcott 400,	800	00		
"	" H. B. Hall 375, A. Reennie 250, C. B. Fenning 1 yr. 93,75	718	75	2704	68
	Amount for 1st year			2939	22
Decem.	" Daguerreotypes for A. M. Richardson 6,00 Appr. for buildings 300,	306	00		
"	" Discounts, on cash from Rev. Andrews $3. on draft of Aug 30th 6,30				
1852	On draft of Sept 10th 2,00 do Nov. 26th 8,00 Dec. 18th 6,00	25	30		
Jan	" Magic Lantern for Mission	29	70		
"	" P. M. Way. Expenses, carting &c. 3.43 Numerical table 1,00	4	43		
March	" do Expts, rec'd col. 11,22 Outfit 53, Medicines 30,	94	22		
"	" " " Passages & freight	103	99		
"	" E. Corning. Hardware 8.03. P. M. Way's bill	6	57		
"	" Clothing for P. M. Way 11,50 Daguerreotypes 4,00	15	50		
April	" Freight on P. M. Way's furniture to Albany & thence to Jamaica	38	46		
"	" Bedstead for P. M. Way 7,50 Carting goods to vessel 1,50	9	00		
May	" Capt. Jarvis. Passages of 4 Missionaries	160	00		
"	" Shoes 4,63 Dry goods 5,30 & 3,50 for Miss Dean & others	13	43		
"	" Clothing for Mr. Moffat 27,75 Books for Miss Dean 2,92	30	67		
"	" Wm Harned, Board &c 27,32 Specie for female missions 49,89	77	21		
"	" Daguerreotypes 5,00 Trunks &c. 7,23. G. Shipple for G. Moffat 3,52	15	75		
"	" Miss S. Blakely Travel expn. 39, Maria Hicks 40,	79	00		
"	" Mary Dean do do 42, expenses during the winter 25,20	67	20		
"	" Anti-Slavery Depository Books	1	46		
"	" Discount on Drafts of March 10th $8, May 21st $3.	11	00		
June	" do do June 10th [$300 + 20,]	10	00		
"	" Coffins Bills (for female missionaries)	23	08		
"	" Young's bill for books	3	23		
Aug.	" Appropriation for buildings	200	00		
"	" L. Thompson Salary for year ending Aug. 31st 1852	400	00		
"	" A. D. Olds 400, H. B. Hall 400, A. M. Richardson 400,	1200	00		
"	" S. T. Wolcott 400, P. M. Way. 150, A. Reennie 16,50	566	50		
"	" Addison Moffat 1 yr. Salary to Aug. 31/52	50	00		
"	" Miss Blakely, Dean, Hicks, cash $40,—	120	00	3661	70
	Whole amount for three years			11,724	63

Mrs. Harned's accounts. Sheets A & B
Revised & corrected by S. T. Wolcott (A. M. Ass'n)

				Cr		
1849 Oct. 8	By Shipment per Cudora of Sept. 5th Provisions	41.33				
" "	Less charged in Mrs. Harned's a/c Sept 3rd 1. crackers	9.54	31	79		
" "	Books	114.94				
" "	Less charged in Harned's a/c. Page 1.	94.69	20	25		
Decem. "	School fees from Brainerd 49.47 Chesterfield 9.96		59	43		
" "	Ministers receipts, Oberlin 38.40 Eliot 17.42		55	82		
" "	Cash balance from Report of Sept. 30/49 300.42 - Bonnett sold 1.56		301	98	469	27
1850 Aug. "	Cash for books sold		14	28		
" "	Receipts from congregations 107.67 Schools 115.68		223	35	237	63
1851 Jan. "	Bed quilt 3.12 - School fees by E. B. Fanning 2.40		5	52		
Feb. "	School fees by H. B. Hall 6.12 Sale of books 2.97		9	09		
May "	Cra for Mr. Gregor		2	33		
Aug. "	Books sold by A. D. Olds 3.87 Clothing 19.20		23	07		
" "	Receipts for ministers 155.54 Schools 22.26		177	80	217	81
					924	71
	Added by me to Mrs. Harned's a/c foot of P. 3. 4.					
" "	Draft of June 10th favor of Dr Barrett		200	00		
" "	Draft of July 9th favor of J. O. Beardsley		60	00	260	00
	Omitted in a/c under date of Dec. /49		Dr			
	To a/c appropriation to Mary Kennie		50	00		

Aggregate

Dr				Cr			
Aug. 31st/50	Amount 1st year	$5123	71	Aug. 31/50	Wm Harned's a/cs Page 1.	$ 4509	10
" 31/51	" 2d year	2939	22	" 31/51	" " " 2.	2851	67
" 31/52	" 3d year	3661	70	June 30/52	" " " 4	3370	71
		11,724	63	" "	Shots A & B received by Worcester	924	71
				Aug 31/52	Drafts added to Harned's Pg. 4	260	00
						11,916	19
						11,724	63
				Balance favor of the Amer. Mis. Ass'n		$ 191,56	
				Specs, omitted item, a/cs to Mary Bennie		50,00	
						141,56	

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Bro. Harned

I forgot to say, in my letter sheet, that Mr. Beardslee thinks there must be some misunderstanding between him & bro. Whipple concerning his accounts, or else you have made a mistake in charging me with goods for him. He supposes that he had put funds in bro. Whipple's hands to meet these, and that the account should be directly with himself & not sent to me. Hence he does not pay me the bill. The whole bill amounts to $28,49 - i.e. 2 Copies Water cure for 1851 $1,00 Shepard, bill of books 18,00 Goldrege, books 7,74 Soap powder 1,75 I have assumed this bill in a/c, but if I am to collect I need a positive order. Please note this. — You will do well to mark the occasion of discrepances in our accounts, so far as they are on your side, & be particular in sending me correctly such bills as you wish me to enter on a/c. i.e. precisely the same items for my books as for yours. You will see what I mean by reference e.g. to your Page 1. 1st 2 items, and the corresponding ones in my a/c. Also, Bill, Jan/50 Crackers 8,72 - This bill was not in Mr. Tappan's a/cs to Mr. Evarts, and was claimed and disposed of by Mr. Evarts as private property. Hence you find no notice of it in my reports. I could point out numerous cases of like sort, but these will serve for example

S. T. Wolcott

S. S. Wolcott
Jamaica
9/3/52
Final Receipt
of the Old Accts.

Jamaica
Accts.

A word more.

Several years charge for New England I have put to general a/c of mission. I have never been able to discover who has this, tho I have made frequent inquiries and I dont know that I have ever seen more than 2023 numbers.

S. S. W.

A few words in conclusion Sept. 3

I have been looking over my accounts prospective for the coming quarter & find that I must have, to meet the salaries of mission, independent of Mr. Venning, — $770. I have already drawn for $500. — and I have, or shall have, the brethren's receipts to meet some of it — but I shall be obliged to draw for $150. or $200. more. I shall probably see Dr. Barrett tomorrow & expect to make the draft within the above limit as shall suit his convenience. you can then look for it soon —

I hope you will be so much at leisure that all this "long yarn" of mine will not make you too restive to unwind it patiently —

With better hopes for the future I will bid you "Good By"

S. S. Wolcott.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2078
FISK UNIV.

Chicago Sept 14 ~~th~~

Dear Sir Your last letter gives me liberty to say to you in reply that I have nothing before me but January and the hope of getting there

I would like to spend a month to move with relatives in Prescott (C.W.) and Ogdensburg (St Lawrence Co) and would like to leave here about the 25th of the present month for that purpose. I shall wait to hear from you before I go. Yours sincerely Jo Thom

Miss M. Howe
Pekin Sept. 14/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2019
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Station
Sep. 15th 1852

Received of S. T. Wolcott treasurer the sum of four hundred dollars being the amount in full for Salary for year ending August 31st 1852.

L Thompson

Received of S T Wolcott treasurer the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars being the amount in full for Salary for year ending August 31st 1852

P. G. Way

Received of S. T. Wolcott, treasurer the sum of four hundred dollars being the amount in full for Salary for year ending August 31st 1852

A. D. Ellis

Received of S. T. Wolcott treasurer the sum of four hundred dollars being the amount in full for Salary for year ending August 31st 1852.

A. M. Richardson

Received of S. T. Wolcott treasurer the sum of four hundred dollars being the amount in full for Salary for year ending August 31st 1852.

H. B. Hall

Hermitage Sept. 16/52

Received of the American Missionary Association the sum of four hundred dollars, in full for Salary for year ending 31st Aug. 1852

Seth. T. Wolcott

Receipts of Jam.
Missionaries
for Salaries
rec'd by S. J. Wolcott
9/15/52
and
9/2/50

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2080
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Sept. 16. 1852

My dear Bro. Harmon —

The Enclosed bills, I wish you would forward to me immediately and charge the amount to me — Some of the medicines are for other members of the Mission, I suppose the bills will amount to about, perhaps over, $100 — with the books, more than a $100 — But the same medicines here cannot be got less than $200 — As I order medicines rather largely you may wish to know what I intend to do with them, as I cannot practice medicine — Well, I succeeded after passing an examination before the College here, to get a license & have my name registered as a dispenser of medicine by paying $10 — The decision of Physicians here to reject all who have not graduated at Phil. or N.Y. is a recent thing, & grew out of their having admitted an imposter some year ago — As I have no desire to charge for services here, this licence will protect me — and from the fact that I only charge the "able to pay" for medicines & give to the poor it always people from many miles around — The nearest Physician to me is about 12 miles — I think, if the brethren of the mission agree with me, that the influence

is working great good with the people —
I have treated hundreds of cases of Small Pox and a great many cases of the confluent kind and, but one, of those who have followed my advice have died — more than a hundred of my own Congregation have had the disease & not one, old or young has died with the small pox —
Our family are all in excellent health — Miss Hicks has suffered some with "Jamaica boils" — was obliged to give up her school one week, but is now well & engaged in school — The Annual meeting of the "Congregational Association" has just closed, being held at Oberlin — A very pleasant and profitable meeting — All the members of the Mission, except Bro. & Sister Venning, School teachers at Sirron Pen, are in excellent health —
Eight persons were admitted to membership in the church at Oberlin last week — & as the small Pox subsides, our Congregation is again filling up, and, we think, the place will soon be too small — If we enlarge, we shall do it without expense to the Miss.ry Society —
I have just rec.d a letter from a young man that I bro't up, who left my family, with my consent to go on a Whaling voyage. He wishes to come and live with me, should he not leave

before this reaches you, you can send the goods in his care - otherwise direct them to Dr. Barrett - send as many as he can bring for luggage, as such - Please have printed the following label for books, & forward with the books - at least 200 -

Oberlin, Union Library

No.

To be returned weekly -

Every member will be held responsible for all damages done to this book while in his possession -

I have a quantity of ginger, Pepper &c &c to forward soon - Please ascertain the worth of Courage on the pod, & also the gown - Love to all — Yours truly P. M. Way -

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P. M. Way,
Oberlin.
9/16/52 Can
Orders for Medicines
Books &c.

Bro. Harned –

Will you have the goodness to purchase from the American Bible Society 50 Bibles and 50 Testaments – cheapest edition – Will the Bible Society – send a Bible worth $1.00 for my own use – on the credit of Life Membership I have never before asked any-thing –

Oberlin Mission Jamaica West Indies – Sept. 16. 1852. } P. M. Wage

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. EI-2081 FISK UNIV.

Please send me 1 light Axe –
6 Axe helves
2 Hoes. with Eyes for handle –
1 Ea. 3/4 – 1/2 & 1½ inch augers & handles –
1 " 4 – 6 & 8 oz. Jacks –
1 Jack plain & 1 Extra set of plain irons –
1 Bush hook –
1 Ea 1/2 – 1 & 1½ in chisels –

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2082
FISK UNIV.

Springfield Sept. 21 1852

Dear Bro. Whipple,

Business requires me to trouble you again: but as I have but an hour to spare you will soon be rid of me for this time. I dont remember how many times I have written you since you have bestowed a like favor upon me - but say towards half a score. I shall be likely to go on repeating the compliment without regard to etiquet.

I hope however to be receiving something from you before you get this. I have not yet had any replies to communications of mine since March, except a note promising your attention to one of that month on mission business. I am not exactly out of patience, but I would like to hear from you particularly -

Our Eclesiastical Ass.n held its annual meeting on the 14 & 15 inst. and mission meeting at the close, at Oberlin. Several matters of interest were considered, but one item only demands your consideration - This you will see is of importance and will require an early reply - After due consideration

If the committee should consider it expedient to approve the recommendation of the mission, it would not be my intention or wish to make my visit longer than I could essentially in this way serve the missionary cause —

It is important business not pleasure or health that I seek —

S. T. M —

Mission voted that it be recommended to the Ex. Com. of the Am. Mis. Ass'n. that Bro. Wolcott with his family visit the U.S. as early in the spring as possible.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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The above was as unexpected to me as it may be to you.

The reason in the minds of the brethren may be mainly embraced in one - viz. The best interests of the mission demand that some one longest on the ground visit the States & represent more fully than can otherwise be done our circumstances & wants - the missionary cause as related to this island &c. &c. - The claims of our School Ass'n. is an important item in our account - promoting a better knowledge of facts and a better understanding between ourselves & the Com. another point - The renovation of health before it has become materially impaired is had in view - This last does not weigh much with me - though frequently admonished that I shall soon come down with a crash if I dont hold up. - I have no personal considerations strong enough to call me home - but I have a very strong desire to see you & the Amer. churches - I feel sometimes as tho I <u>must</u> see you, or like the old clock pendulum it may as well stop, in view of what I see ahead - Let us hear from you soon - With much love I remain Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Sept 21/52
✓ Ct. Conn.

Sept. 25/54

Bro. Whipple.

Since writing you from Kingston I have regretted that I did not say that a visit to us from one of the Ex. Com. would considerably lessen the importance of a visit of one of us to the States. Perhaps this will reach you in time for you to consider.

Yours &c

Seth G. Mallett

Rev. L. Thompson
Jamaica
Dec 22/54
Rec Oct 14
Attention Wesleyan Lady
Tobacco Tracts
Uncle Jo Lady
Poetic Gleanings
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NO. FI-2083
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Eliot Station

Revd George Whipple —

Sep. 22th 1852

My dear Brother

I presume you have been informed ere this that about March we are to be left without a teacher again. Miss Blakely expects to be married to Mr. Moffat about that time. This we have known for several weeks, but for certain reasons I have not communicated the fact to our school directors till quite lately; — I could not request of the Society another teacher till I had consulted with them, and obtained their sanction to so doing; this I have now done, and we are unanimous & very anxious, that another teacher be sent out this fall, with out failing if a teacher can be obtained.

Our school closes, Oct week before March and a teacher should be here that time or before, so as to rest a little and be ready to commence school the second week in Jan — 53.

Now can a teacher (a female) and one that can stay two or three years be found and sent to us — if so we shall feel much obliged to all parties concerned. We do not mean to say that a teacher must pledge herself to stay this length of time or half of it or even any part of it, but we do desire to have a teacher stay (if all parties are agreed) some considerable time. Too frequent changes are hurtful —

The 22d of Dec. the members of the Mission are expected to be present with us, and if a teacher can be here to be introduced as taking Miss Blakely's place, I do not think our people will feel the disappointment so much, — I hope this will be borne in mind — Miss Woodcock has been mentioned, So far as I now remember her I think she may do well. — The matter, however, of selecting a teacher we leave altogether with the Ex. Com. Only send us a teacher and we will furnish her an important field of labor, — try to make her happy, and keep her as long as we can, — May the Lord guide you in the selection.

From what I have said about a teacher's remaining some time, it may be inferred that I am not pleased with our present teachers leaving. This inference I do not wish to give, for under the circumstances it is what we all command — though had we know at first just how things would have turned out, Miss B. might have been located differently, —

The Mission families are all well. Brethren Bodsister Old have just paid us a visit. They are well and happy in their work, though lonely at times. They do need some one nearer than 40 miles to counsel with. There is wisdom in the Saviour sending out the disciples two by two.

In the parish of Vere, on the South Side of the Island there is great destitution. Not a resident Minister in the parish, except one, and he does not live among his people (Ch. of England Man) — There are several native preachers, and some of them are no doubt doing some good. Others are wear

than none. During our visits we got acquainted with Bev. who has three churches or places of worship and is about establishing the fourth. He has just written us saying that he desires us to come and visit his congregations and to see "for our redeemed sake" what can be done. He feels confident that he is not doing the people much good, and says he will not stand in the way of others who can do more. — Two of his places of worship are in very populous districts, and wide fields of usefulness. The people while they have some preaching are perishing for lack of knowledge. — I might here say that in this parish more than in St Dorothy is the destitution Mr Hamford spoke of. We shall visit them again, when you will be informed of the result. — We may recommend the opening of a station there. — Some time ago I requested that a good supply of good temperance tracts, be sent out. I still wish them — and in addition, the Societies prime tract on the nature & use of tobacco and that work lately published in Boston, entitled "Uncle Toby," and any other work on the same subject. —

In this request I do not include the wants of the other stations though I have no doubt they need them as much as we. — If any change, for them I will be responsible.

We like very much the "Parlor Magazine," and wish it continued, when the time for which it was a expires. —

Yours very respectfully

L. Thompson

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New York Sept 27th 1852

Prof. Whipple

Dear Sir,

According to your desire expressed when I was here in June, I called at the office on coming again into the city, but was sorry to learn that you were confined at home by illness. I shall probably be here unoccupied for a few weeks, and if in that interval you can make use of my services in any way as suggested by you, I shall be glad of any such employment. Perhaps however that is not practicable during your absence. I should be glad in either to know. I hope soon to see you again in comfortable health, and to be able to hold more extended conference respecting missionary concerns

Very Respty

C. C. Starbuck

A. M. A. ARCH.
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Rev Geo. Whipple
Belleville

R. & O. Railway
A. H. Smith

Oberlin Sept 30th '62

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Dear Brother.

Your communication of the 19th was duly received, & I did not intend to allow so much time to pass before I replied, but I think I will not now take your time or my own, to state the many reasons for my delay, but hasten to comply with your request as nearly as I can; though I rather fear to trust my judgment in a matter so weighty. In many respects I consider Miss Woodcock well adapted for the Missionary field.

1st. She is as far as I can judge a

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Please remember me to Mrs. Whipple.

I have her promised to write to her in the morning & with a same blood-order

Please excuse mistakes.

Yours truly

S. C. Fairchild

Oberlin

Sept-30/62

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Good time Miss Woodcock. Has good health & is very well satisfied with her work. She is now keeping house for her brother Henry at Oberlin. Yours truly

devotedly pious young woman. & strongly desires the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, & consequently is ready as those who know her well are aware to engage in labor for that object. In the Sab. School her she has manifested a deep interest & has seemed to labor for the salvation of her pupils. My last letter from her gave evidence of a deep concern for the salvation of souls in her native congregation.

2nd She seems to me to be a patient young lady, not easily "vexed" or disturbed, & would therefore endure the vexations incident to such a field as Jamaica well.

3rd Her good health occasions & inures to some extent many excellencies which her friends can now discover. She is cheerful — not likely

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to be so depressed in spirit (as some Missionaries are) as to spread darkness over everything, & by a manifest want of consolation, practically teaching that Religion produces the opposite in those who embrace it.

4th Although her intellectual endowments, & educational attainments, may not be of a very high order, I think her in a good degree staid — settled, not likely to be influenced by new fangled notions, but she would rely with faith upon the ordinary means of God's appointment, for the salvation of the heathen.

She is, I think, as you suggest a better housekeeper, than student & would doubtless make herself very useful in this respect in any missionary family, with which she might be connected, in addition

to her regular & more important duties. But I am aware that Miss H. seems not to be, & probably is not the scholar that we might look for in one who had graduated. Indeed her letters would often suggest to a stranger that the writer was rather ignorant than learned. I think however that her composition does injustice to her real attainments. Her early education was much neglected, & I think accounts for many of her seeming deficiencies. I should somewhat fear that much communication with educated persons, might do some discredit to herself — to the mission with which she was connected, & to the Institution from which she graduated. Still I consider her a good young woman & possessed of considerable attainment & likely to do much good, & meet the moderate expectations of the Association in the field to which you have had some thoughts of sending her. Perhaps I should never have suggested her to Mrs. Thompson, had not Mrs. & Mr. T. when they were last in Auburn talked much to a bout that field, & decided that if Miss Hunt did not consent to go, they would propose her. While the matter was in this state, & Miss H. waiting for a decision, they received a letter from Miss Hunt stating that she had decided to go. Since

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~~Hamilton~~ Ransdell

Subject -

The Moral Condition of the People of Jamaica, Present & Prospective -

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It can hardly be supposed, that a 16 months residence in this Island would have afforded one, (with but limited opportunities for observation,) a perfect knowledge of the character & condition of the people - Still, the general characteristics of almost any people may be soon learned - And I do not imagine that there is anything so remarkably intricate or profound, in the mental or moral peculiarities

of the inhabitants of Jamaica, as to constitute them an exception to this remark - On the contrary, I believe that their prominent traits of character, are so largely & universally developed, that he must be either blind or stupid, who does not learn something of them, on a very short acquaintance.

The subject assigned me, is divided into two parts - the present, & the prospective view of things. Under the 1st head, I shall speak briefly of present impressions - under the 2d, I shall unfold my hopes & anticipations respecting the future - And if the former shall seem too dark & sombre to be agreeable, I trust it will at least have the merit of truthfulness - while the latter will leave me at liberty to assume the ~~tone of~~ Prophecy, & behold from afar that 'good time coming', which we all love to anticipate!

1. Respecting the present moral condition of the people of this Island, I remark - It is not, what it once was - There has been, since 1838 - if we may credit the testimony of those, who ought to know, a manifest change in the habits & morals of the people - & a change (in some respects, at least) for the better -

Marriage is much more common than formerly, & the blessings of the family & social relations, are much more extensively enjoyed - the Sabbath is also more generally observed. There is less labor performed; & less open & systematic violation of its sanctity, by visiting, marketing, drinking & frolicking. The means of Education & Religious instruction are better enjoyed, altho' but little appreciated & improved, by the great mass of the people. It is also true, that the moral sense of the people, is becoming somewhat enlightened. Their ideas of right & wrong, - virtue & vice - are undergoing a gradual change, & the true idea of what constitutes Religion is being slowly developed - In respect to these things, & a few others ~~of minor importance~~, there has been hopeful progress, since Emancipation.

But while this is true, yet their moral condition, is very far from being what it ought to be. Their progress, like that of the sun behind a cloud - has been almost imperceptible - It may be compared to that of a ship beating up the harbor against wind & tide - She bears & turns - now sails this way - now that - but tho' always in motion she scarcely goes ahead but very little (and sometimes, perhaps, after a deal

with almost as little conscience about the matter, as they would have, about accepting of a good dinner, or a glass of Beer, when offered them—

Licentiousness also prevails to a most alarming extent among the people. Its foul, pestilential breath, has blighted, like the mildew of death, every thing in society that should be lovely, virtuous & of good report. The laws of chastity among the unmarried are almost totally disregarded & where the legal relation exists, its restraints & obligations present but a feeble barrier to check promiscuous intercourse—

Moral purity is yet Virtue only in name—Adultery, Fornication & all manner of vileness & uncleanness reign triumphant—

We have just seen it stated, on high authority, that Prostitution, Bestiality & other nameless vices, are greatly on the increase, in the city of Kingston, & the same is doubtless true elsewhere. In this respect Jam. is a second Sodom, & unless a reformation can be brought about, ere long; & a healthy public sentiment created—there is great reason to fear that she will soon share a similar fate. Jehovah has not left us unwarned. When she ariseth out of this place, & shakes terribly the earth, she gives us intimation of the danger that threatens us—

Education & religious instruction - As a result, they are doing comparatively little to support their ministers & Schs. There has been a most alarming decrease in their contributions for the maintenance of the Gospel, during the last few years - Church-members are growing careless, worldly-minded & covetous - once, they supported their ministers & Schs, & built expensive chapels, almost without aid - Now, many are doing nothing, & others give but sparingly & grudgingly for these objects - Instead of a spirit of Christian benevolence and philanthropy - a large-hearted liberality that loves self-denial & luxuriates in doing good - a sordid, penurious & money-loving spirit is rapidly developing itself - So intense & absorbing has it become, as in many instances to supplant natural affection, & lead parents to neglect to provide necessary food, clothing & medicine for their children to the detriment of health & the endangering of life itself! For these, & many other reasons I might mention - I conclude, that the great body of the people of this Ds - are making little or no advancement in morals or Religion. On the contrary, I greatly fear, that they are hardening their hearts, & (unless God's mercy interpose) ripening for destruction! Now the picture is dark & the prospect discouraging -

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But it would be strange if it were otherwise, when we take into consideration the former condition & circumstances of this people. It must not be forgotten, that we are following in the wake of the accursed system of Slavery - a system that unmakes man, by warping upon his conscience, crushing his spirit, & destroying his free agency - leaving nought but the shattered wrecks of humanity behind it. If we may but gather up some of these floating fragments, from which the image of God is well nigh effaced - & pilot them safely to that "better land", we shall not have labored in vain - But we may hope to do more. The chief profit of our labors, is to be sought in the future rather than the present -

This leads me to the 2d branch of my subject. I approach it with diffidence for while it ill becomes one of my years to speak vaccularly, yet if I may be allowed, in the discharge of the duty assigned me - to touch even lightly the harp of Prophecy, my cheerful song shall be of brighter days to come. Yes "Hope, hope sweetly is dawning." Tho' the night be long & starless, the morning light will ere long pierce the thick clouds, & scatter the gathering gloom - altho' present evils may not

at once, admit of an effectual remedy, we need not therefore despair of the future. "One generation passeth away, & another generation cometh"; and with God's blessing upon our efforts, it shall be a better one - most of the adult population, are ruined, (I fear) beyond hope of recovery - they are doomed, because the unhappy victims of long years of oppression & degradation. With reference to them, the die appears to be cast - their habits are fixed - their characters stereotyped.

"Where vice has held its empire long,
Will not endure the least controul -
None, but a power divinely strong,
Can break the fetters of the soul!"

While we would not limit the power of God's grace, yet there is no reason for supposing, that she will turn aside from his ordinary method of working to save a portion of this perishing people. True, we must not rest satisfied until we have done our utmost for their salvation. We must try "the last, possible efficacy of prayer" on their behalf - We must implore those mighty outpourings of God's Spirit, whereby, "Dry bones are raised, & clothed afresh, and hearts of stone, are turned to flesh" - Still, our brightest hopes & fondest anticipations, must & will centre around the youth of this Is - We must gather our principal sheaves from among those, or those -

characters are not yet developed, nor their habits unchangeably fixed— To train them up to knowledge and virtue— to rid them (as far as possible) of evil influences, & throw around them those that are healthful & saving— this is to be our great work— nor will it be a fruitless, hopeless task, I ween— We shall sow the seed, for a glad & glorious harvest, that will be gathered by angel's hands into the celestial garner. The fruit may be long, in coming to maturity— It may require that Patience should have her perfect work— yet,— like bread cast upon the waters— it shall be found, after many days—

"Tho' seed lie buried long in dust,
It shan't deceive our hope—
The precious grain shall ne'er be lost,
For grace insures the crop—"

Let the rising generation, be furnished with good moral & religious instruction, & there is still hope for Jamaica— Her future shall yet be radiant with the sunshine of prosperity, & her sons & daughters shall be gladdened with the glorious light of Gospel liberty. Tho' the musty veil that hides the coming years, I think I can already discern that joyful period approaching— & see the hand of Providence, steadily urging onward— with resistless might the car of Progress— Gaunt Bejudice and grim Superstition, gradually give way—

"Workers, on the barren soil:
Toil may seem a thankless task:
Sick at heart, with hope deferred,
Listen to the cheering word.
Now, the faithful sower grieves—
Soon, he'll bind the golden sheaves!

If great wisdom have deceased,
Man may labor, yet the seed
Never in this life shall grow.
Shall the sower cease to sow?
The finest fruit may yet be borne,
On the Resurrection morn!"

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Buffalo October 4th

Dear Sir

Yours of Sept 16 I received at Detroit and I concluded I should not have time to visit the places I mentioned

I am now at a relative's in Canada will remain in it until I hear from you again. May I say to you what I wanted to say the other day in my note but did not, that I do not know what to say to Rev J. C. Fowler, and so have said nothing since the receipt of your letter of Aug 26th

I have been writing & receiving letters occasionally from him since the 21st June about going to Liberia and he does not know but that I am at liberty to go there and I am not willing to say

to him that I am not, and that I sustain any relation to any improvement society, much more that I have previously when I have been so foolishly engrossing his time & thoughts with reference to this. And then he has been at Tuscaroora, and his visit there was with reference to this, tho he did not come to Lockport for this purpose, but wrote he should visit Buffalo & would call at L. in his way and he did so. And so this makes another cause for unwillingness to say to him that I am not at liberty to receive an appointment from the Board to this field.

It was my wish to be sent to Lit. by the New York Bot. Soc. and it was the sec. of that Soc. who disposed of my request & letter to the decision of this Board. And I wrote him I was very much obliged to him for doing so. And I have his promised aid & sympathy still further, if needed. And would like to offer him some reason for not going to Liberia

Mr Fowler just wrote me that they thought favorably of opening a school for girls at Kamsack but did not decide to do this time then he has proposed my joining their Chickasaw mission in theInd. Ter. I wrote some inquiries relative to the school without supposing they would decide at once to appoint me to it. but I have written them that I must sacrifice what I had proposed & that I could not accept no appt to that field it cost no little effort to say this I hope I have not been left to make a mistaken sacrifice. and if I find at home all I have found in a field among the Indians, there will be no regret. It is the work I want & if I should fail to find it, this would cause both disappointment & regret. but I have a blind confidence that you would not send me to any, but an appropriate field. Mr Fowler's very good letter I will enclose to you hoping you will let me say to him that I am going to the East Indies to get acclimated for Siam. I am sure you will make no objection

to reclaiming one for Africa, especially that part of it Liberia

Some friends of mine in Lewisville (near Cattaraugus Reservation) have sent me a box they have a Sab. School library which the Sab. school children would like to have me take to Africa the books have been used a first rate, shall I take them. They have sent me five dollars at my request for the children of my school that I promised they should have from it. I suppose you will consent that I lay school books, as they furnish their own books. I will enclose the bill to you. or, I think I will not. you will please tell me what to do with it.

Please address your reply to the care of Mr. [illegible] (at Buffalo) [illegible] of mine.

Box 482

Yours sincerely

A. Home

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Rev. M. Moore
Buffalo N.Y.
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Oberlin Mission Oct. 4. 1852

Bro. Hamed -

I have collected - a little ginger, Pepper, Pepper sauce & Cowhage &c. Will it be too much trouble for you to dispose of it? If so to whom shall I send it? —

The small Pox has about subsided in this part of the Grand - Our congregation is again filling up & things assume a favourable aspect -

We are all in good health, except Maria & her health is good, "but" she suffers some with boils I think she is about over it. Remember me kindly to Bro. Whipple & the Committee —

Yours truly J. Mc Way

P. M. Way
Oberlin
Jan
10/4/52

A. McA. ARCHIVES
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have just received your
of the 4th, and I would with my
whole heart be glad to return you a
satisfactory answer. It is not impossible but
that I may, if I will make an attempt.
My first thought on reading it was to
answer it in person. I do not quite see
any way clear to do that (perhaps I may)
I shall hope however that you will
believe me when I say that with an
undivided heart I decided the second time
to go and the first time I might add,
you do not understand me the kibbitz
in my saying, that I do not like to say
to the L that I am not at liberty to go
to Siberia. I do not want the liberty to say

will you just think of me as one who made
anything of a great sacrifice for a cause they (?) believe
and to one who has not yet learned to be
unmoved by

letter is found to the
offices of the
paying a member (?)
to go to Siberia
that you would
please address
me, care of the
Exp.

and let me
know of this safely in
case anticipated plans
may have time to see
you in New York.

Buffalo Sept 14 1850

I remain
very truly
yours
[illegible]

P.S. I would be
happy to be
[illegible]
to spend an hour
[illegible]
that you would
reply to this on the receipt
[illegible]

that I am at liberty to go by any
means, not if you will send me to Jany
It is true, I do not know what to say to
him. I hoped to have received your letter
of Aug. 26th in season to prevent his coming
to Lucerne, but I did not. But this is no
weighty reason after all, this affair involved
me a little more, it was his own choice
to come, he would I think either be provoked
with himself for coming, or with me for
letting him come if I should say that
for months I had been put to great trouble I can
not make him understand to his satisfac-
tion any more than to you all the reasons

But let me tell you this in plain
words that I should not have been in
all this, had I known your wishes, I did long
to know what they were, but I thought I
would not inquire, (pique me for this) for you kept me so
long in suspense & waiting last winter
in the delay of going to Vienna, (not sending me

and gave me reasons for so doing.
That I thought if you was wanted me
you might tell me so, I finally concluded
you did not care how I went, and so I
am just where I am, all because of your
own neglect. I was glad indeed to get your
letter giving me liberty to still go to Jenny, and
you said too that I might be released from
the previous engagement, if either my own
happiness or the glory of God might be promo-
ted by accepting some other offer, & I have
not decided in view of the glory of God my
way ought to be darkened, hedged in. I know
I should not be happy to be sent away
from you if I did ask you to let me say
to the I that I was going to the best school to
get acclimated for Africa. You do not make
any allowance for my age or foolish
saying, the mother used to say that in
some things I would never be any
thing but a child, and that I was not
worth minding till you regard me

Miss M. Howes

Oct 9/52 I can not say less to you than
" 13
I said to Mrs that it is a sacrifice to give up the almost idolized object of laboring for the Indians. I am reconciled to it because the providence of God seems to indicate that I should go out on other fields. I am glad that I have been in the willing at least to look to the neglected of this land. It seems to be something far more elevating than, but still I would not have chosen this. The Lord has been leading me in a way I knew not.

Now let me say you have failed to understand me. I have no thought of accepting an appointment from the Board. I am half displeased at the thought of being released from you and I do not know why you should have written me as you have. It will be your own fault if I am not entirely at your disposal. I have nothing see before me but the work at home

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[illegible] of [illegible] long [illegible]
[illegible] 22 [illegible]
did I not say to you that
letter of reply to yours of the
28th inst. that I had taken in our
and did I not say that I was
under the necessity of waiting a reply
from yourself before a certain time
that I might see clearly how to
dispose of the plans I wrote you then
perhaps you failed to receive the [illegible]
In the meantime the 5 came
I heard nothing from you until
the 20th of Aug. the 28th I replied to
the 5th suggestions but still hoping
to hear from you I can not tell

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you all the suspense & anxiety I
endured, and I need hardly say
that your letter was thankfully
gladly received. I did see clearly
how to dispose of the plans, I have
not written to Fowler since I sent
to his father to [illegible] notice. This
time I did not give him all
the reasons for not going to the Lodge
I asked to be sent to Filmer, they
proposed another field I should not
dare to receive an appointment to it
until I can see my way of ways to pay
it off. Indeed up I was so very disappointed
in giving up Jamaica that I had
been so long compelled to give
up a field among the Indians.

But I had given myself to the
work if I could not have it at
Jamaica I knew I should find
it elsewhere & I might go it. If you
are disposed to blame me why have
you left me so long ignorant
of your wishes.

I am only at you to exercise
a forgiving all my perversity and
believe me when I say that it will
be my business, to labor under your
direction, to control my impatience.
I have already been more than

disturbed in mind of having gone
contrary to your wishes let me now
be understood I have no thought
or wish for any field than one
under the care of your society; let me
belong to you and let me but
know I have your approval for
this & it is all I ask, aside from
~~the~~ the blessing of God, & the wisdom
and health needful for the work
God has given & grant
that I may be faithful to the trust
committed to my charge.

I do not expect to have from the
Southern & the East Conferences
they have given me a very

If I have a doubt with regard to your being the right place here I not reason to fear, it would be needless to say to you that so far, I have been hindered from entering upon the work I see — indications that I shall be permitted to do so with the [illegible] now have

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[illegible] I will say one thing further, all [illegible] ing be, if I secure an appointment from some other society it would be solely because I should be relieved from the fear of offending its Secretary, I know you have not imposed this burden upon me at all, I have done it myself, one way, I don't know how, I have thought perhaps the Lord had laid it upon me in order to bind me to the work at Sam[illegible]

I do not like to have you doubt me as you do, it is certainly very strange to me that you should, I wish I could see you

I think you will not find it now easy matter to get rid of me

[illegible]

I would know why you use it
treating with me tell me why.

I do not know what further to
say in reply, unless I add that my last
was not written in a fluctuating state
of mind, my reply to your letter of Aug 30
was the true & honest feeling of my heart,
I was willing to let my other plan fail
if the way might not be found for going to
And how do I know that this is the way.
Have you no doubts running in your mind
for the only I wish you would not doubt me
by supposing I prefer an appointment from
any other society. I think I have made you
humble enough this, to have you quite willing
to give me up to any other, I shall truly
disappointed this, if you should, will you
believe me in all this. If so I shall be truly
happy to know that the day for my departure to
is at hand. I have grievously pained you with all this
[illegible]

Of course I have written before, to appear humble and
[illegible]

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Buffalo N.Y. Oct 5th

To Rev Geo Pingree

Dear Sir I write to say
to say I would like to go to
Carondelet can I do so
and please excuse me for
troubling you with this request

I conclude you have received
my letter written a few days since

Yours sincerely
A Stone

Miss M. Howe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Oct 9, 1857.

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Sheffield Ind. Oct. 19

Gen. Whipple

Dear Sir – Your favor of the 11th was received last evening.

I have concluded to remain in Ala until I know definitely your plans

Yours truly

S. Hoole

Miss M. Hoove
Buffalo Oct 13/52

Remains thine,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Buffalo Oct 18

(To Rev S. Hopkins)

Mr Hopkins will please
address his next to Rome
at the undersigned
I believe the proof of the
Oct has been received

Miss M. Howard
Buffalo
Oct 18th

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Denver Dec 2nd 1866

Dear Whipple

Have you ever thought one instant, that you could think me so? Why not condemn me as unchristian or other? Dare you consider me "horrid heathen"? It may be so to you but it is not so to those (on earth) I have no power to communicate. For this reason I have held my own for & with them & I have done so by avoiding any allusion to my own state which differs from theirs, or giving them any clue to my present state of mind. I do not object to their knowing me, but who is to communicate to them a thousandth part of the truth of which I am conscious? For Sir, I am not incredulous of angels that pass in my own mind or in the minds of others by whom I have been surrounded, for the last two or three years. It is in vain to attempt it and can say an impression as false as other have, or to remain utterly indifferent and allow myself to be considered just what other people to consider me. You say you fear that it will hinder God's work by a "lack of faith" lack of faith in what? I do not distrust God's knowledge, prudence or power

but as nearly as I can express in words what exists in my mind — There is a conscious inability to think as other think or do as others do — then comes the impression that others may be correct in considering that I am insane; if so, where is the capability of being assured by God or man that I am right or wrong? Sir if you will answer plainly (I do not mean kindly) the questions I have asked you will have a claim on my gratitude that no other person can have; but perhaps this is asking of you too much; if so I hope you will disregard it kindly & attribute my carelessness to hope — hence

The card that binds me to my relations is denied — ~~as correct~~ I know, but it is ~~as correct~~ from necessity — they confide in me as, what I know I am not, in the same sense I can not return that confidence without a known teacher — Therefore my only way is to compel them to avoid me, as I know they would "if they knew me intimately" — I would wrong no one could I avoid it — But do not urge me not to go to Mrs Evarts: for she is the only human being on whom I can fully confide, or the only one I may not wrong by confidence and affection; It is quite too late for me to avoid excitements I know was there. I gladly would have done so but that time

have long and perhaps forever past. All the appeal I can make to them epistemat have only rendered me more anxious to incur it. My efforts & desires are now to be entirely equal to what I do not feel warranted in voluntarily declining or avoiding. The action of my mind seems rather strange sometimes but could I be assured that it did not differ from that of others of like temperament in like circumstances I should not have that hesitancy in expressing it or acting it conviction. I know it does not act with regularity or with equal clearness or intensity at all times but does that argue any thing for or against its sanity? Is it not true that all minds are subject alike to irregularity of action? Their want of confidence in the action of our own mind as equitably delicate communion with mind the it blame or non to distinct the words or author of the communication. If there was ever any personal gentlemanness that I should more than others it was integrity of heart and power to reason right. But sir to what use it delay ~~mighty human~~ hence the expression I for words I can not show the feelings when I know that either God, my reason or my own reason have acted freely & my only wish is a state of hardened indifference. Mr Hunt

Miss M. Hunt
Elmira, N.Y.
Oct 27. 1852.

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To be answered further

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Mico Institution,
Kingston Jamaica
22nd Oct. 1852

My dear Brother Whipple

I suppose ere this the Melodeon sent from Buffalo by brother Geo. N. Allen & the books etc. previously ordered with parcel from Mrs. Goff must be on their way. I want a few other items which I must trouble you to attend to for me. I wish however to say that you will much oblige me by a full statement of our account to this time. Bro. Wolcott gave me some account of books &c. included in the a/c of the Mission but as there was no acknowledgment of monies received from me I thought it best to wait till I heard from you.

I now want forwarded by first opportunity —

6 Copies more Matter-Line Jour. commencing with July. making 12 Copies to my address after this. —

Also from Fowlers & Wells

✓ 1 doz. Phonographic Teacher

✓ 1 doz. Copies "Universal Phonographer" from the commencement to be continued as issued

✓ 1 Copy "Ham. Phonographic Journal"

✓ 1½ doz. Constitution of the U. S. in Phon.

✓ 2 doz. Sheets Phonographic Mottoes

✓ 1½ doz. Dec. of Independence in Phon.

✓ 50 Enamelled Cards Phonc. Alphabet

✓ 50 Cards Containing Word Signs

✓ 1000 Envelopes – assorted sizes

✓ 2 doz. Phonographic Pencils

Also

✓ 9 Copies Bullion's Latin Reader

✓ 6 Copies " " Grammar.

(Copies per W. H. Nov 9/5.)

Received a letter from Miss Sarah Barnes by the previous packet saying she was just about writing you to engage her passage to Jamaica. Hope you have succeeded in getting good accommodations for her, &

that she will have agreeable company on the way. If she has not yet sailed, you may be able to send the articles ordered by the same vessel.

My dear wife was safely delivered of a fine daughter on the 28th Sept. and all are doing well. Our dear Bro. Wheeler died of yellow fever on the 9th inst. most sincerely regretted by all who knew him. I was with him for about 10 days prior to his death. He lingered 18 days. Had we had a good Hydropathic doctor here I believe he might have been saved. Can you not send one out — a man of the right stamp. My proposal has not yet been responded to. If possible get a man who has a diploma from New York or Phila. Medical Coll. otherwise the allopaths might make him trouble — as they do not register any from other colleges — & only such as are registered are legal practitioners. Brethren & sisters of the Mission are well

Rev. J. C. Beardsley
except Sister Hicks & Shelim
She is improving.
Oct 22/52.

Yours affly
D. V. Beardsley

Rec'd Nov 1.

attention

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2098
FISK UNIV.

A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI 2096
FISK UNIV.

Clarendon Oct 23 1882

My dear brother Whipple & Hearing

Rebecca's letter has arrived safely & both of you have not tried to write to each of you separately. Now if you will not grumble at this awkward sentence I will proceed.

There are many things full of melancholy interest which I feel inclined to communicate. My own mind has for some time been asking the question whether it was not duty to state more explicitly than ever before to you the real state of the people. This has been especially true within the last three or four weeks, perhaps. In a desponding state of mind which has, it may be, inclined me more to the dark than the bright side of the landscape. This sad state of mind has not been affected by the more cheerful state of the atmosphere. We are now in the midst of wet rainy weather but you who have never been in the tropics are not all prepared to understand the importance of this phrase. In northern latitudes you have storms, conditions equally indeed but you do not know pouring rain. You are not accustomed to see streams that a child might ford with impunity in their ordinary state, lashed into madness by a two hours rain, sweeping all before them, and the larger streams swelled into mighty rivers.

Now this station is on the banks of the largest river of the island, and this is confessedly the most rainy parish in Jamaica. And at this time the rains are almost incessant. Sometimes for two or three days the heavens are constantly pouring, then again for a week or two the rain falls in repeated showers. Perhaps in an minute after a heavy fall of rain the clouds break away the sun appears in more than his wonted glory because of the intervening contrast. Yesterday afternoon I ventured a ramble in the fields or down by the river side. Armed with rubbers and clothes in that wet, but perhaps dismal have provided 300 yards we were startled by the sudden sound of an approaching shower, just ready

it from its torrents upon our heads!

Personal & school past our labors have been very much interrupted by the rains. The school has divided to a very few scholars. Many of the scholars live on the other side of rivers that are much of the time so swollen that no man could cross them. Our sabbath congregations are much affected. Last sat. not more than a dozen came besides our own family. It was a rainy day & the rivers were high. The river however such a body of water that should it rain in not more most of our congregation would be kept away. However the showers are almost constant. Yet am I able to wait for people in their respective neighborhoods. For the last few weeks I have gone to but two or three of my appointments.

In the midst of these things I feel a constant uneasiness. The thought often rushes upon my mind that we are doing nothing for God. Anne I think to me. I know your immediate reply will be "Why trouble about what you cannot help? Our Father does not hold us responsible for the rains." Truth, I reply & yet my mind involuntarily turns off in that direction. And while in this chamber it casts a gloom on a thousand things & darkens its own gloom. And among not the least of those things is the consideration hinted at above, viz the condition of the perishing multitudes. Oh dear!

In my communications some things of the class & more however mine have been stated, yet the half has not been told. The family & social condition of the people is such that there is apparently but a few prospect of greatly improving the condition until a change is effected here. As a proof you will not fail to perceive the combined effects of heathenism & slavery. And yet I am confident that you are not prepared to receive, of I am able to describe, the inner facts in the case. I may be deceived but it is my impression that if a stranger to you from Cam. were to tell you many facts that are to us, of every day notoriety, you could scarcely believe him.

I have said that the family & social condition of the people is sad beyond the extreme. If you were to go with me among the people I find

that even in the largest families they had but two sleeping apart
[illegible] for the parents, another for occupied by the children of
all ages & both sexes, I doubt not you would pronounce the social state
of such a family to be low in the extreme. But it would be your
duty to find them all living together like! [illegible] to carry
out the analogy. I want you to go with me to some of our
mansions sins. I see as I have, a father & mother with their son & daughter
the mother washing clothes in a state of nudity with the exception
of a handkerchief about her loins, the father [illegible] about in the same
state of nudity. The son a young man of 18 years catching fish sometimes in
the water, & sometimes out walking about the beach in a state of entire
nudity, accompanied by a sister of 12 or 14 years, as naked as himself. I doubt
not your moral sense would be struck as with an electric shock.
And must I have to tell you that this father I regard as really the
best man in the community. I am sure good spirit [illegible] within you.

I have given the above instance as indication of the state of society generally on this subject. We have reason to fear that the cases are so [illegible] that they do not deserve to be named, where our best young people do not live with those whom they expect to marry, as husband or wife, as the case may be, long before they are married. It was this wicked state of [illegible] that I had conversation with a young man, almost the only one of that class in our congregation that I had thought gave evidence of a change of heart. He frankly told me he was living with his "intended." On my asking why he should do so, his reply was "so we do from time." He also urged as a reason that they did not know whether or not they could live together happily until they had had a trial, hence the necessity of living together for a season ere the bonds were irrevocably sealed. This is the universal impression. And as was said above almost all, among the common people, either secretly or openly live with together as husband & wife before marriage. Many of the most trying cases of discipline in our churches are for the sin of licentiousness. In a letter from Br Thompson received this week he gave an acct of the trial & suspension of one of the deacons

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of me of the other character for this sin! And he is a man too who has been high in our affections. O you cannot tell how our hearts are bleed by these things!

If these things be done in the green tree what shall we find in the dry? If this be the condition of the best among the people, or those that we can every reason to believe are the best, what degradation and ba[illegible] may we not expect to find among the worst classes? for truly there is a vast difference! ~~I have often thought it was no wonder that some~~ What Pasch must be the condition of that community where all restraints of law and shame are taken away! Such without a figure is the case here. It is such a state as you, with your experience of human society can hardly conceive of. A mere child [illegible] are scattered all over the community to cause the mothers are the scatters. It would be a miracle almost to find a youth either male or female who chastity was preserved little. Persons 16 years of age! What then must be the social state of families in such a community! As bad as the deepest lust can make it.

These things act and react like brotherhood in crime, in leading the people into every species of lust. One vice does not often stand alone. Self sum begets a "hoper bion." But this is especially one of the sin under consideration. Of all other vices, perhaps none more effectually sear the conscience, & harden the heart, & prepare the whole man for a deep submission into every form of lust than the sin of licentiousness.

These are satans mighty bulwarks for beating back the truth. And the thought of their efficacy, is a most gloomy consideration.

There are other things that I desire to speak about but for the present they must be omitted.

Since my last we have had much sickness in our family from measles, & members have had them. All are however quite well now except our teacher Miss Stuart. And our little one about whom we have some fears as to the result.

Mrs Olds desires to unite with me in the expression of Christian regards to yourselves & the Tappan

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A. D. Olds

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2098
FISK UNIV.

Cincinnati
Nov 1st

Dear Sir,

I write to say that on Thursday of the present week I wish to leave C. for a few days, and if I hear nothing from you by Thursday I design to do so.

Yours truly (not tingly)
M. Thomas

If you write, please address — care J. Collins, I wish you would write, that is, if you choose to.

M.T.

Miss M. Howe
Canandaigua N.Y.
Nov 1/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. A-2049
FISK UNIV.

Miss Institution,
Kingston, Jamaica,
2nd Nov. 1852

Revd Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec. A. M. A.
48 Beekman St.
New York

My dear Brother

Your favor of the 12th ult. was received yesterday per "Peerless". She has been in port a day or two but the Dr. parcel of papers was only landed yesterday. I received, however, the Bill of Lading on Saturday, so that I was aware that the Box had arrived. There was no Invoice sent, & it becomes necessary to get a Bill of Sight, and to have the box opened before it can be passed at the Customs. I take it for granted that the Melodeon has come — the Encyclopedia, articles from Mrs. Goff, and I have Mrs. Dickinson's letter mentioning articles for Bro. Richardson. As a Str. is expected today I have sat down to acknowledge the receipt of your letter & to let you know that the Box is here. I wish also to have our acct signed, & as you have not the items at hand, I

will do my best to help you in the matter. Bro. Wolcott gave me a memo. of what had been sent in his acc^t which is as follows.

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Cash paid you on acc^t

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Brother Hamed will be able to say what is due for Water Cure Journal & other papers, & you will have before you the Bill for late purchases, expense on Melodeon, &c. I sent by last Str. or last but one, an order for additional copies of "W. C. J." and for some Phonographic requisites from Messrs. Fowlers & Wells. I forgot one item viz. Phonographic Note paper. If they have such an article I would like a couple of Reams added to the list. Now I wish you to make "a Clean Bill" of everything and send an order to Bro Wolcott, on me, for the amt. or settle it in any other way most convenient to yourself, & I will try to arrange with some one to attend to my orders hereafter and save, what I know must be quite a trouble to you

with your many cares & duties. I am sorry to add in the least to your already arduous & crushing duties. It would give me great pleasure to aid in relieving you in any way in my power. I have no doubt I can find some one to execute my little commissions for me.

I am truly sorry to hear that you have been suffering from "Severe illness" as noticed in the Abstract of Report, & to find by your letter that you are still seriously indisposed. May the Lord soon restore your health and strength and sustain you in your important work.

It is not unlikely that the Shortwood Station near Kingston might be secured to the Amer. Mission if thought desirable. I am almost confident that it could be arranged, and the Station transferred to the "A. M. A" if the Soc. would become responsible for its supply. A good Station might be made of it, & it would not only be convenient for the brethren, but would enable them to make their influence felt in the City. The L. M. S. do nothing for it, except what is done by the Kingston Mission. & his labours are all required here. I dont know whom they will appoint now in the place of our lamented Bro. Wheler. Perhaps you would let me know if the A.M.A. would be disposed to entertain a proposal to take Shortwood if it should come from the people. The brethren here think favorably of it. —

Yours affly J. T. Beardslee

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Rev. J. C. Beardslee
Kingston Nov 2/57

Accounts.
Shortwood Water.

CLERK'S OFFICE
VIRGINIA

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2100
[redacted]
FISK UNIV.

Cincinnati
Tenn. Nov. 4

Dear Sir

When I return from to (after an absence of a few days) I hope to find a letter from you, and if I do not, I propose to run away. I do truly. I have already taken some steps towards this.

M. Moore

Miss M. Howe
Canandaigua N.Y.
Nov 4/57.

NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2101
FISK UNIV.

Cincinnati Nov. 8th

Mr. S. Whipple

Dear Sir

Do you know that you are a very neglectful Corresponding Secretary.

I am not disposed to sit here in a waiting suspense any longer, I know nothing at all of your plans, or that you have any care, with reference to myself.

Your communication of Sept. 19 led me to suppose that you designed to send me to Jamaica sometime in October. You said in your last, (Oct 15th) that you hoped to write again within two weeks and I expected you would, but I know

not yet been permitted to hear from you.

And so of course I have been impatient both on account of the delay and your long silence and am just ready to interpret it as the way and will of Providence that you is not to be my field after all, tho you may have been disposed to send me there. I would have been thus but so far I have been hindered by others from going there, and perhaps hereafter myself. But life is too short and time of too much worth to spend in vainly looking for what is not to be found. It is true there will be disappointed plans and expectations in not being permitted to find what I sought, but it will be no punishment to find in the end a field among the Indians of my own land, for they are all "my own," and wherever they may be I claim them as "my own."

Perhaps you do not know that I am entirely descended from them, but they say we have no Indian

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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blood in me.

I can neither ask you to write, nor would I if I could dictate concerning your plans, but my hope is to be released from the suspense I now in

Yours very sincerely
[illegible]

Miss M. Moore
Canandaigua.
Nov 5/52

Recd.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-21022
FISK UNIV.

Miss Mary Hoare,
Canandaigua, N.Y.

Can. Nov. 11

Nov 11/72

Dear Sir

Your communication of yesterday is just received.

I hardly think we will come to terms of agreement, if any note of the 8 failed to meet your approbation, you just mind I was certainly disturbed one or little. But I think I certainly had a right to request you to relieve me of my suspense & think I did. It is true I do not know by what circumstances you are surrounded, had you told me before the cause

of the delay I would have
been content to have
waited, I certainly could
not consent to spend
month after month in
waiting. I have in view
the time already passed
in that way, last winter.

Why did you not say
to me in your communi-
cation of Oct. 8th that
this delay & of these causes,
I am sorry indeed that
my note of the 4th day
should have been an
evil messenger, and how
far from my thoughts
was this I sometimes think

you wish to provoke me
in order to invoke your
"offer to act" I presume
I have provoked you
to do but I do not know
what you can do with
me I am sure.

I am sorry truly
that your health has not
been good, & more sorry
that I have added to
your many vexations.

I will try not add
one more vex again
to them, but if I am
to depend upon you for the
future I do not know how
we are to do without a
better understanding.

Please address me next
at Binghamton N.Y.

Your affy
Oh, Home

I am sorry for trying
you with a thoughtful
corresponding secretary, when
you are a sick one
yours

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2102
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2103
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage Nov. 22d 1854

Dr. Jeffson Esq

Dear Sir

As Dr. Barrett is now at my place, and it will be for our mutual convenience to attend to the business of making drafts, I have taken the liberty to draw for five hundred dollars, a little before the time, in part payment of the demands of the mission on me for the next quarter. You may look ~~for~~ for balance of drafts to be made by one for next quarter, to be made early next month

I have received notes from Bro. Hearned & Whipple of Oct. 12th & 19th.

N.B. I have not received a letter from bro. Whipple which he says in his of Oct. 19th he wrote me on the 17th of oct. — only a brief note of that date

I hope to receive a "final" of accounts from bro. Hearned in time for a help in making out my present quarter's returns.

With much love to all the dear friends

I remain Sincerely Yours

Seth S. Walcott

X part sent - balance to go by next mail. W. H.

Over

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2104
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage Nov. 22 1852

Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn on you in Bill of Exchange for Five Hundred Dollars in favor of Dr. A Burritt Kingston, Jamaica Payable thirty days after Sight.

Please receive with your accustomed favor and oblige the Jamaica Mission

Yours Truly

Seth T. Walcott

Lewis Tappan Esq.
New York

[redacted] Elliot Station

Dear Bro. Harned

Nov. 27th 1852

Some time since I wrote to Bro. Whipple asking a teacher to our School to take the place of Sister Blakely, who has left us after X mas. I wrote in behalf of our School directors, and we are very anxious to hear something, in reply, either that the place can be supplied from home, or that it cannot be. It will readily occur to you that it is important that we hear from you or the Ex. Com. touching the matter, so that we may know what to do. If we can have a teacher from U.S. we very much prefer it, but if "cannot", then we must do the best we can here. Mrs. Thompson ought not to teach an other day, and I cannot without neglecting my other duties. We are willing to do all we can, even though life be shortened and its comforts greatly lessened.

Sister Blakely has been faithful and efficient, and "we" regret much to loose such valuable help, but duty calls, and we must not say nay. — Will Brother Harned see that we have, in some way, and soon, the action, or non action of the Ex. com. on this matter, (ie) of sending us a teacher — I do not intend to use the language of complaint tho. I do feel that it is strange that a matter that has been communicated for at least four months, and of such importance [redacted] to us, should not be even alluded to, by any of the Ex. Com. in any of their letters, to any members of the Mission. — The time is drawing nigh, when Sister B. will leave and something must be done about a teacher. — We desire to hear from the Ex. com. before we act here (if) act permanently — Shall we hear immediately?

We hope to be able to do more through our "Voluntary School Association" for our teachers support, that we have done the last year. The Quakers in England have given to the Association £35.0.0. or £5.00 to each School — Besides this Br Olds has had a present from Quakers £10.0.0. for his school —

We shall do all we can to help ourselves — We deeply sympathize with the Ex. Com. in their "labors of love" & trials. — We regret to see that your receipts for the past year are $3000 less than the year before. This ought not to be.

Postscript) Bro Whipple to send me a few words on "Tobacco" "Check" and any other useful — Of a Mission we are all well. And busy at our work — We hope about 40 will attend school next Monday morning. We must have a teacher from home to go forward — Shall be short of Sweet potatoes yesterday morning — Yours for Christ's sake — L. Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2106
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd Station - Dec 1st 1852

Dear Brother Whipple -

I fear you will think I am growing rather negligent about keeping up correspondence according to promise - I have been waiting, until I should have something definite to write, as I have little time or strength to expend in random scribbling - I will try to fill this sheet with such miscellaneous items, as may be more or less interesting to you. Soon after I wrote you last, we were called to pass thro' a sore & bitter trial. One of the Deacons of the ch (Chas Lockie) was found, upon investigation, to have been guilty of the sin of adultery, & to be the father of an illegitimate child, some four years old! It seems he was suspected at the time the affair occurred, but as he denied it, & the girl affirmed that the child belonged to another man, & there was no proof to the contrary - the complaint was dismissed - Since that time, he has been, by far the most active, influential member in the ch - has enjoyed the confidence & esteem of all the Bretn - of the Mission & during the troubles with Hyde & co he stood firmly against them - the Breth - have often said, that but for his efforts & influence (under God) the whole ch would have been carried away with that delusion! And yet, during all this time, he was covering up this sin, & persisting in a falsehood! The suspicions seemed to have worn off & been forgotten save by a few, & I never had the least intimation of their ever having existed, until he told me himself, about a week before the sin was brot to light! I then found, that a doubt still remained in the minds of some of the ch & immediately set myself to work to investigate the whole affair - I believed the suspicions to be entirely groundless, for I had great confidence in the man's integrity of character - he had been, apparently, a firm

friend to me, & the cause of Christ. We had taken sweet counsel together; and, from his knowledge of the previous state of affairs here, his advice & assistance had been invaluable to me. Judge then my utter astonishment & great grief, when in a private interview with the girl, I drew from her the confession that the charge was true! When the fact was announced to the ch- many were deeply affected, even to tears- she was at once excommunicated, together with the girl & her mother, who had been guilty of conniving at & concealing the thing. But it has been a grievous blow to the ch- to the cause of Christ, & a great loss to me- I probably miss his aid, more than I should that of any other five members. The other Deacons live from a mile & a half to four miles distant. He lives close by the Chapel, & was always ready to render any assistance in managing the affairs of the ch & Station. But I think we leaned too much on him, & the Lord is teaching us the folly of trusting in any arm of flesh. When shall we learn to "rest only upon God"? On Fast-day (the first Sat in Oct was observed by all the Mission churches as such) he made a public confession of his sins & guilt, & appeared much broken down & humbled. He has been to converse with me several times, & I have tried to deal plainly & faithfully, in pointing out the aggravated nature of his sin- he had thanked me repeatedly, for bringing his sin to light- thinks it will be the means of saving his soul. I trust he may yet be saved, so as by fire- As far as we can now judge, he seems truly penitent. I trust the Lord is answering prayer for this people, tho' it be "by terrible things in righteousness". There is no special, but a good degree of general religious interest in the community here- Quite a number of newcomers, have become regular attendants at our Chapel of late- There is an increasing interest manifested in the Sab-school, & there has been one or two interesting cases of conversion recently, among the teachers. Our people are also waking up, somewhat, to the duty of doing more for the support of the Gospel- Some have

Rev. J. M. Robinson
Brainerd, Tenn.
Dec 12. 1837

already made a good beginning, & many others promise to turn over a new leaf, if they live to commence a new year. I feel that I failed, thro' ignorance of their ability, to urge them up, sufficiently, to this duty during last year. By the way, I (in common with my brethren here) have been a good deal surprised & grieved, by the falling off in the receipts of our Soc, for the year past. How is it? Have the hearts of its friends grown cold, or has their number decreased, or their ability diminished? If either of the above suppositions be true, the prospect is not very encouraging. But I trust there is a more ~~encouraging~~ cheerful solution for our doubts & a more effectual antidote for our fears. It is encouraging to learn that more has actually been accomplished this year, than last, even with an income reduced by some 4000 Dolls. It shows a determination on the part of the managers of the Asso, to husband their resources, so as to accomplish the greatest possible amt of good, with the means placed at their disposal. But, with so large an addition to their corps of laborers, they cannot sustain their operations for the current year, unembarrassed, without a much larger income. Nor is it enough that you sustain the laborers already in the field. We need, we must have, more men. We heartily second, therefore, the resolution to raise 5,000 Dolls this year. The members of the Jerusalem Mission will not refuse their mite towards securing the desired amt. We trust also, that our churches & Sabbath schools, will not be found unwilling to aid (even in their deep poverty) their less favored countrymen in Africa. You may expect to hear from us after Christmas, on this subject.

You have probably been notified ere this, of the failure of Br Benning's health, so that he has resigned his post at Dennen, for a year commencing with next January. She has had two severe attacks of fever, which (with a constitution as enfeebled as his was) have left him in a very weak state. It is quite doubtful, if he will ever be able to teach again. We are very sorry to be deprived of his labors just now. She had just got well established at Dennen

& things looked more encouraging & prosperous, than they had done for a long time, precisely to his going there. We have had no occasion to regret the confidence placed in him during the past year; & we trust his life may yet be spared & he may be given strength to labor with us. Even his place can be supplied we know not unless you can send us a good teacher, we may be compelled to send the young man there, who has been assisting Br Moffat. She ought to pursue his studies longer, in order to become an efficient teacher, & besides they greatly need some one there, who can take charge of the Congregation on the Sab. in Br Wolcott's absence. You understand, I suppose, that Sister Blakely is to be associated with Br M. at Nt Patience, after Christmas. As you did not comply with my request, when I wrote for two teachers & make the twain one flesh, we have concluded to carry out the original design. The school is still in a flourishing condition altho' the heavy rains lately, have somewhat lessened the attendance. What will you do for Eliot about to be left destitute, at this most important crisis? Can you not send us another brace of teachers at once? We have just recd a grant from friends in England, of 225 Dolls for our schools, which, with what we shall raise among the people & from other sources, will relieve the Soc. considerably. They are about building a schoolhouse at Providence having recd a donation, which we hope will cover the expense, with what aid the people & the members of the Mission may render. These circumstances talk of having Miss Hicks exchange places with that Simms, who is now teaching at P. as he is studying Medicine with Br Way, & has to travel back & forth every week. She can then be in one place during the week & on the Sab. She had charge of the Oberlin school, a part of the time, when Br Abbs was there. The walk to & from school at O. is also rather too much for Miss Hicks. We are anxious to get all located, where they can work to the best advantage. With the exception of Br Benning, I believe there are no cases of serious illness in the Mission. The Small Pox still lingers among us. Quite a number have died with it since Aug. Two young men, who were members of this ch. You have heard probably of the death of Rev. S. W. Wheeler of Rivesstown, who visited the U. S. last summer. He died of Yellow fever about two months since. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth." Yours truly for Br

A. McKinstry

M. A. JANCHIS NO. F1-2107 ISK UNIV.

Kingston Dec 1st 1854

Louis Tappan Esq

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you to the Order of Dr. Barrett for the sum of two hundred dollars by Bill of Exchange, payable fifteen days after sight.

Please honor it with your usual favor and oblige the Jamaica Mission

Yours Truly

Peter D. Walcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2108
FISK UNIV.

S. T. Wolcott
Jamaica
W. I.
11/22 & 12/1/52
advice of Drafts

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2109
FISK UNIV.

Wilmington Dec. 1st 1852

Dear Sir,

You will perceive that I "sail" this day from Wilmington,

The draft named on the first page of this is not yet sent.

I draw this day for an additional two hundred dollars. The quarter's expenses for regular salaries is a little less than $300, not including Mr. Denning.

My last quarter's returns are now due - but as I am in daily expectation of a finale statement of ages up to 1st Sept. from which to get a fresh starting point, I delay making up my age for a little time. Sundry receipts from sundry sources will be included in report now due & entered to your credit. I have just drawn from the Friends - England £30. sterling in aid of our schools

I am not able to know the exact amount for which I am at liberty to draw at this time, but hope to be able to find the exact balance from my next receipts from Mr. Hearned.

Mr. Moffat & Miss Blakely are (O.T.) to be married on the 23d instant —

With love to all yours aff'y —

Seth T. Wolcott

Dr. Jeffrey Esqr.

C. O. Wolcott
Hermitage
Jam.
12/1/52
advice of Drafts of
$500 - and $200

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2112
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd Dec 2d 1852

Rev. D. M. Pillsbury
Dec 2d

My Dear Brother-

I had almost forgotten to inform you that we experienced a very severe shock of an Earthquake, Friday morning, the 26 ult, at 10 minutes before 3 O'clock. We have probably had but one heavier shock during the past season. Br Simpson & myself were at Shemitage on business, & were awakened from a sound sleep, by the shaking of the bed, the creaking of the house & the rattling of the windows. The vibrations continued for more than a minute, & seemed to threaten a universal crash. A second, & lighter shock, was felt just an hour after the first. I have not heard from the seaboard towns, but should not be surprised if considerable damage had been done. Such manifestations of Jehovah's power, have at least one salutary effect. They make some hardened sinners tremble & think of God, when all other means have failed to awaken anxiety. They have been so frequent & severe of late, that the most careless begin to regard them as a judgment from the hand of God. Several of the brethren refered to them, in our church conference on Saturday. One said. "What does this shaking mean? The earth keep on shaking just like a man shaking a stick in his hand. It's like a father holding the rod of correction over a vile son. I think it say "Run for why will ye die?" Another good Bro said. "When I wake up & feel the shaking, I listen to hear the trumpet blow. I waiting to hear my Master's voice. Before time we used to be frightened. When it shake, we jump & begin to pray, & call upon de Lord for mercy. But not so now. We don't pray. We rejoice, & say "Blessed be Lord to make us all, & make we think of Him. Dis will be done &c. I often find it very interesting, as well as

profitable, to listen to their remarks upon the providences of God, or his dealings with their souls - they are natural orators & often wax quite eloquent, & speak with such aptness, energy & impressiveness as would surprise & delight you -

But I must close, lest I grow tedious & weary you -

How is your health now? We deeply sympathize with you in your repeated attacks of illness, & most earnestly pray for your complete restoration - occurring as they have several times - when your labors were most needed, & preventing your attendance at the Annual Meetings - they must be peculiarly trying - I am glad your are partially relieved from your onerous duties, by the appointment of a Home Secty - would not a trip to Jamaica, with the relaxation & change of climate it would afford abundantly compensate you & the Soc for the loss of 6 weeks time? We are decidedly of that opinion here - the Lord direct your way - Mrs R - & Br Moffat unite in christian regards to yourself, Br Lappan & Hearned with your families. We shall be glad to recieve a line from any of you, as often as your other duties will allow - I forgot to say that I saw Mrs Evarts at Dr Barrett's a few weeks since - she seemed quite friendly & sociable, & enquired after the people here, the schools &c, but made no allusion to old troubles. She & Hoyde are engaged in Shoemaking, Cabinet work &c - I believe if the latter were away, the former might be saved - from all that we can learn, they share Mrs Evarts society promiscuously yet - How did Mrs Hoyde appear when you saw her? How is she now?

Your Brother in the Gospel

A. M. Richardson

P.S. Can you or Br Hearned send me a paper containing the fare by Steamer & Sailing vessels, from New York to Australia, for the information of a gentleman in this neighborhood, who proposes to remove there with his family next year?

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2111
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage Dec. 9th 1852

Wm. Harned Esq.

Dear Sir,

Please send to the order of Dr. Barrett One Hundred Sets of Uncle Tom's Cabin —

Also One Hundred copies of Harper's Magazine, commencing with Dec. 1852 to be continued through the year — i.e. to Dec. 1853. — — Also 50 Copies of Godey's Magazine — to commence with January — 1853 — and charge to account of the Jamaica Mission

Yours Truly

Seth T. Wolcott.

Secy. of Jam. Mission

Please add 200 christian Almanacs from the tract society also 3 copies of the Tribune to come with those for members of the mission

A B

Dear Bro Howard,

Dr. Barrett has sent an express to me for the order enclosed — I thought best to send (not to Mr. Jaspian) directly to you as my agent in the business — asking you to send the goods — just as you fill out an order for Mrs. Ray & others — Now I hope you may find the matter convenient — if not you can refuse — of course — Dr. Barrett says, all of Uncle Tom's cabin ordered are now engaged — You can get the Magazines by monthly payments, so that I think I shall thus not be much overdrawing — Uncle Tom's excepted — till commencement of next qr. — When the bill can be all met by me on app. — You may hold me personally responsible for the bill — Charge for your trouble a just commission — send in your account and it shall be well & faithfully met —

Your most Obt. Servt.
Seth T. Walcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

PS. I have drawn for this qr. for $150 — I have not anticipated Mr. Ray's bill in app. as he said he could not meet it till next quarter I have paid up arrearages to Mr. Ray — Reinhardt & Denning — I wait a little for your "final"

S. T. W.

C. F. Lovelock
Armitage
12/8/52 Jamaica
Endorsement of
Mr. Barrett's orders
for Magazines &c

Dr. Barnett
Abingdon
12/6/52 Jan

Kingston 6th Dec. 1852

Wm Homer
New York

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2112
FISK UNIV.

My Dear Sir

I am in receipt of so many favors from you, that have not been acknowledged I have not only forgotten the number but also the contents, but as I am quite sure that none of them require any very particular notice I will not look for them now, but thank you for them & pay no to the business in hand, The goods for Mr Beardslee, Way, Olds, & Richardson have arrived, but they have not yet been landed, I think you had better send all of Mr Olds papers in the package with the other members of the Mission, as now they some times get lost — or I have to send to the Reading rooms for them & then ship them to Mr Olds as they will not allow them to go thru the post office without paying letter postage

I have enclosed an order from Mr Walcott for Books, Magazines &c. These are for me & I wish them to come by the Steamer United States as the purser will receive them for me & bring them safely, but should there be any other steamer coming sooner than the U. S. send by that one, if they will take them, but a receipt or Bill of lading should always be taken and forwarded by mail; When I was in N.Y. you said that you would attend to any thing of this kind provided a commission was paid to the Society; this I am not willing, but anxious to pay, but I do want the magazines to come promptley. I owe the Harpers an old a/c which is one of the last of the old a/c's that have troubled me so long, but I have got almost free from the a/c's of the old firm of Barnett & Co or Graves & Barnett & will pay this one soon. This is one of the reasons why I wish to get these magazines through you, for if I should

remit them the cash they would give me 6x for it but would not send the Magazines until all the old a/c was paid & as I can not now remit the amount ~~now~~ of their a/c & as I wish to commence with the present Vol. I wish you to send me the Magazines & not the Harpers & I will pay Mr Wolcott your a/c. and soon pay up the Harpers in full. then they will send the Magazines to me by my pre paying them.

The Uncle Toms Cabins sell like hot cakes. I think I could sell 200. copies here. but I will try 100 first

do send them by the U.S. this next trip. she will be in N.Y. so as to sail with the Illinois

Very truly yours

A Barrett

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2113
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica Dec 20th 1852

Dear Brother Whipple.

~~It has been so long since I have written you that I fear you wonder at my silence~~ though I have no special manifestations of God's goodness to communicate yet I think we are making progress. The general aspects of things ~~both~~ here and at Brandon Hill. appears favorable though there are things which sorely try us. and ~~sorely try some of~~ our people. For a while both congregations were much diminished by the prevalence of the small pox. but of late they have been filling up again. That ~~small pox~~ disease has been very severe about us. There were a few cases a long time ago and we supposed it had passed. but it returned again and scarcely a family has escaped. There has been only one death - that of an infant - among our own people.

Since I last wrote you. we have received six members to the church - only one on profession of faith. (or rather all of them on profession of faith, though the others had belonged to other churches) ~~we feel that~~ some of them are valuable members.

I speak of things that sorely try us. Such are the morals of Jamaica that if a young woman is married without having one or two children first. she is a ~~noble~~ rare exception. If it is true that any of the congregations in our mission are a general exception to that rule, it is by no means true that they all are. Some weeks since we were obliged to cut off a member of this church for adultery. and recently one at Brandon Hill for the same sin. Her was a young man of whom

over

hopes of better things were entertained. A few days since one of our most prominent members turned away his oldest daughter for the same sin. He is a good man and feels it deeply. The pains he has taken to instruct his family would be a worthy example in any community.

There is nothing in public sentiment to save the youth of Jamaica in this respect. And though they may know the truth, that seems to have no power to save them unless they are led to a knowledge of it as it is in Christ.

In various respects we can see that there is an advancement among our people. And some seem constantly to be growing in grace.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

When will those essays on tobacco be printed? I think we can use a copy of them to advantage. Already there is quite a strong anti tobacco feeling among our church members.

One brother who had held onto his pipe for a long time finally came to look at it in this light. That one who loves God will manifest his love by a disposition to please Him. Speaking of his pipe he says, "Smoking is so filthy a habit that none of us will be seen going to a gentlemans house with a pipe in his mouth, and I will not be seen going to heaven with one in my mouth." He says, "I believe God will be better pleased with me if I throw it away than if I continue to use it." And away went his pipe. Since then he has seemed to make constant progress in the divine life, with none of those draw backs which we witnessed before.

I had almost forgotten to tell you how greatly delighted Eddy is with his little sister, not to say anything of how others feel in respect to her. Are we not rich?

Rev. Holly B. Hall.
Providence
Jamaica

We see the appeals in the Missionary for aid and we feel disposed to respond to them. And I believe some other members of the Mission have decided to give something. [See the bottom of next page]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2114
FISK UNIV.

Please accept sixty dollars ($60.00) as a donation from us to the A. M. A. and charge the same on my salary through the treasurer of our mission.

We would have no objections to being constituted life members of the A. M. A. on the strength of the sixty dollars. (as I believe that is sufficient to constitute us such) if you feel disposed to put us down as life members.

I have some objections in our case at least to the common form which we see in the Missionary- "to constitute" &c. as it may make an impression on the minds of some of our friends which we do not wish to convey. We give the sixty dollars whether or no. and should you see fit to constitute us life members on the strength of it. will you please ~~say it is~~ acknowledge the donation and say. In view of which we are constituted &c, instead of the usual form. "to constitute" &c.

We often see advertisements of books which we would like if it were not so much trouble to get them. Can you inclose a few small ones with the package of papers on some occasion. If so will you send.

✓ Pastors Sketches. By - - Spencer. published I think at Brick Church. Chapel.

✓ Stray Meditations. By Rev Joseph. P. Thompson. Published by A. S. Barnes & Co.

✓ Northwood. or life North & South. By Mrs Sarah J. Hale. (the cloth bound edition). Publishes at 43 Ann Street.

I see "Sunny Side" a little work giving some incidents in the life of a minister, highly spoken of. Also I saw it stated that its counterpart, giving some of the trials of a minister was coming out. If you know what they are & can lay your hand on them without any trouble, you can send them.

But do not put yourself out of the way for any of them. Charge also, whatever the books may cost, to me through our treasurer.

Is there any such thing as your sending me some genuine vaccine matter. I have not been able as yet to obtain any that was good, although I got some that was said to come directly from England. I saw the seal broken & that taken out of a letter. The pieces of glass between which it was contained were not secured around the edges with wax as I suppose they should be to cross the ocean. We have one member in our family who has never been vaccinated and we feel a little solicitude respecting her as you can readily imagine.

We have every reason for gratitude for God's goodness in thus far protecting us from the pestilence that have been around us. We are all in usual health.

We deeply regret to hear of your illness and pray that your life may be spared & your health restored.

Very truly & Aff-yours
Herman B. Hall

P.S. You recollect Mrs Halls given names Sophronia H.
H. B. H.

Chist Dec 22d.

We have had a mission meeting and passed some resolutions for publication & the brethren have decided upon the amount of their donations. And it is desired that all our donations be acknowledged together.
H. B. H.

Rev. H. B. Hall.
Providence.
Dec. 30. 1852.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2115
FISK UNIV.

Chesterfield Dec 21 1852

Mary Olcott
Dec 21/52
Ans
Jan 13

Dear Brother Jappan

Many thanks for your long & good letter the receit of which should have been acknowledged long ere this. I dont know if Solomon prized letters as much as I do, but he made a very striking comparison in Prov 25:25 the truth of which I wish I might have occasion to testify to much oftener than I have done. Your first page is rather complimentary for missionary style & I will leave you to judge of its tendencies from future developements. Drydens heavenly gift of poesy" has never been given to me, or if so it remains a fountain within, for I never have been able to get a sprinkling of it to the end of my tongue or the point of my pen

I have manufactured volumes of rhyme & I will send you another scrap from the Antislavery collection

Women whose hearts can feel
Who wish your country's weal
Come use your pens of steel
To plead her rights.
Let Freedom be your theme
Poured in one mighty stream,
Till liberty shall gleam
Where slavery blights.
Like Englands daughters brave
Arise your land to save
From dark oppressions grave,
Ere she expires.
Then raise your voices high
Nor let proud freedom die,
While flash in womans eye
Sweet freedoms fires.
A mighty phalanx form
Nor fear to front the storm
Of southern weapons warm
All stained with blood.

Thrice million bondmans wail
Has heard on every gale
The oppressors ranks assail
And break his rod.
Tis heavens high decree
That all men shall be free
That glorious time will be
Not distant far.
If all our daughters fair
Their wishes to declare
Will send a written prayer
To congress' bar
But should their voice be hushed
Should womens pen be crushed
Because her pale cheek blushed
At slaveys scars
Then let the stones cry out
And earth prolong the shout
With all the throng devout
Let freedom reign.

If a printing press was easy of access I would pay you the compliment to have a part of your letter published for I think every English christian should hear it.

"When the fetters were stricken off by government British philanthropists aught to have entered upon the work of education — physical — agricultural, intellectual moral & religious — on a large scale until the black & colored population of the British West Indies had given full proof of their capacity for freedom & improvement"

The word "until" & what follows in the sentence is very important, for some forgetting the scripture injunction become soon weary in well doing. It is as if you should meet a blind man beset with robbers & ruffians who had taken all he had & were beating him to death when you interposed & drove them away, but left the man without further aid. The moral darkness is so thick here that it not only can be felt but it cannot be penetrated. And these dense clouds must be scattered before the rays of the Sun of Righteousness can emit their light. This will take a long time & faith & patience in them that are the "light of the world"

Dont you think transparency of character a most desirable thing" But since all characters are not transparent & even some missionaries are as opake as black marble, it seems particularly desirable that a certain class of public men shd be possessed of the art of discerning characters. I do not know if it would absolutely require a new sense in addition to the five or whether certain combinations of common sense, judgement &c would not create this

inestimable discerning faculty. They are getting so many new lights in the artificial world there is danger of turning night into noonday, & I do wish some metaphysician would distinguish himself by bringing out some latent perceptive powers of mind, if it were only for the benefit of the missionary cause. I think a very clear pair of eye glasses in addition to good eyes would enable one to discern whether a way was passable & according to appearances way marks or finger boards might be set up so as to make the way tolerable. But I am digressing, this business belongs exclusively to path masters or waywarden & not to deans.

I do wish most heartily that "Committees & missionaries did know each other better"

You speak of the sabbath bells &c this reminds me that I sent to Mr Whipple for a church bell. Will you please read him the following

The sound of the church going bells
These mountains & vales never heard
O send us a signal to tell
Where dwelleth the life giving word

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2115
FISK UNIV.

This means Jamaica & not Juan Fernandes

"Nearer heaven than your associates how holy you ought to be" very true, & I fear when I remember, some that are exalted to heaven will be thrust down to hell.

Thank you for your consoling words. They are as one leading me by the hand through rough & dark places. I know that God's word is our lamp, but how pleasant it is to have a friend carry the

lamp for us in a dark night. The promise Lo I am with you always is to me, & truly has it been verified

My school closes this week for the holidays & I heartily wish you could be here to see the progress the children have made since school commenced. I had a class of eight a b c darians in Aug. that can now spell the Baker table & read the easy lessons in the primmer quite readily. And my recruits are getting on finely Those that had some knowledge of reading have made as good progress in the elementary branches of study as could be expected

Two of my eldest pupils united with the church yesterday. They are faithful students under me & I trust they will be in the school of the Great Teacher. One of them is living with me & the other with Br Wolcott. Please bear in mind I do not write for the public but for friends only

Yours affectionately

Mary Dean

Kingston 24th Decr 1842

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2116
FI-K UN

Wm Hamed

My Dear Sir

your favor of the 4th inst. came to hand yesterday per Schooner Wm Tyson Miss Blakely's (now Mrs Moffatt) things have come to hand & I have passed the warrants &c. Inclosed please find Mr Hills receipt for $530. you will please send on board the Georgia for the amount. I have given Dr Chapman of Long meadow, Mass an order on you at sight for $500. you will have the goodness to pay his order for that amount. The balance

$30. you will please pay
for the inclosed order
of Daguerreotype stock

I hope my previous
order for Uncle Toms
Caben & the Magazines
will come correctley.
If you can send me
50 copies of the white
Slave by Hildreth. I will
get an order from Mr
Wolcott for the amount.

For all the Trouble I
give you. I will remunerate
you for the same

yours as ever

J Barnett

1.50
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2.90

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Mr. J. Barnett
12/24/25

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2117
FISK UNIV.

New York Oct. [illegible]

Dear Sir I have been hoping to receive some intelligence from you this morning, as the sight gone if not, (and there is no objection in your own mind to my going under the circumstances) I would like to go. There is nothing very unpleasant in the idea of going home, and I am more inclined to go, than to stay

Please return me a line

M Howe

M. Howe
N. York,
Dec 4/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.
NO.

Rev S. Wheipple

49 Beekman St

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2118
FISK UNIV.

Chesterfield Jan. 1st 1853

Dear Bro Whipple,

In writing you at this time I am happy to commence with wishing you a Happy New Year – I have this day received yours of Dec. 3d together with a communication from bro. Warner – I should have received them sooner but for an accidental detention in town – Thank you for these communications – The mission still continue to think it best for me to visit the States –

I can heartily accept the terms which you propose.

We are beginning our New Year very pleasantly bro. Richardson is with me – Miss Dean & Miss Hicks – and we have just closed a very interesting & well attended missionary meeting with my people. I was with bro R. at Brainard last Saturday at a similar meeting – and with bro. Thompson on tuesday. The rains prevented any gathering at Eliot. –

On Wed. the 22d ult. the members of the mission – all of them – had the unusual satisfaction of meeting at Eliot to witness the marriage of – now – Mr. & Mrs. Moffat – a very pleasant time we had of it –

We improved the occasion by a public meeting, having a discourse from bro. Olds on the subject of marriage – and also to consider some mission business. – I herewith transmit

I notice your request for fuller statistics from me – They are not at hand now as I am not at home – I shall have them presently, hereafter you – I think I do not misunderstand you – (We may meet soon – (D.V.) I feel to pray – then I may understand you better. The Lord be with you – J. T. –

such matters as came up in the shape of resolutions.

1st Resolved, in view of the mutual desire of both people & teachers, and the good of all concerned, that we recommend that the teachers at Oberlin and Providence exchange places.

2d Resolved that the Treas. of the mission draw on the A. M. A. for the contingent one hundred dollars voted for repairs for last year, to meet the unexpected expenditure for repairs at Oberlin — and that we recommend to the Ex. Com. an additional appropriation of one hundred dollars to meet the expenses of sundry repairs during the present fiscal year.

The following preamble & resolution were passed unanimously — see slip enclosed.

The school at Providence has been taught for a part of the past year by Charles Symns, a black young man — and withal promising to be a successful & useful teacher. While teaching at P. he has been trying to study under Bro. Ray at Oberlin. This is very inconvenient as will readily be seen Oberlin is Mr. Symns' former residence — His friends at Oberlin wish him for their teacher — having been somewhat dissatisfied with not having Miss Dean instead of Miss Hicks. The above with some other reasons which I need not here mention led to passing the 1st resolution —

The proposed change takes place at once — Since the res.

These is some mistake about Bro. Fleming's Salary — It has to by commission of mine — The original act of mission was $300 — for 2 years & 66 sterling commencing 1st Jan 1852 — The salary was fixed at two dollars per week — the union was this 23 c. had been heretofore paid for so long — $30 — in consideration of additional work — the maximum price for teachers at Oberlin

was passed we have received the news from you of the appointment of additional help for us. This may lead Mr. Symes to decide, according to his own private desire, to throw up teaching and give his whole time to study of medicine, tho this is not approved by mission.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Among repairs for this year we have improving the house at Devon Per N. for the better comfort and health of the teacher & the school – cost $30 – Building a school house at Providence, mainly to be done among ourselves & the people – cost to the A. M. A. $30 –

Sealing Mt. Patience House N.K. $40 –

In making up ups for appro^n for last year Oberlin was considered as needing nothing, but bro. Way, acting perhaps on the principle that "a stitch in time saves nine" has found occasion to expend upwards of $100. The people are aiding considerable in repairs in addition to the above –

Most members of Mission would like to become life members of the A. M. A. – But we have all made our donations entirely independent of that we dont give to constitute M. If however we may be constituted M. in consideration of, we have no objections. And as follows – Wolcott & Venning $120, might constitute Mr. & Mrs. Wolcott – Mr. Venning & Miss Dean – Thompson $60 himself & wife – Olds, do – do – Hall, do – do – Richardson & Moffat $60. might constitute Mr. & Mrs. Moffat

The above is according to consultation by a few of the brethren. I believe I have received all your letters up to Dec. 5th –

Devon Per in case of our employing a more teacher such e.g. as have been employed at Providence – Morning matins 1½ hrs – The brethren have pledged by the terms of a letter that I am authorized to contract on my part $60 for the Mission for 1854 –

My compliments to Mrs. Sparrow.
For the same reasons that he does not
send me the finish of Ages. I shall take
the liberty to postpone my quarterly report
Love to all Your Brother
Seth T. Walcott

P.S. If I visit the States I intend to be
in New York in Season to attend the
Bap. Commission
Yours

Rev. S. T. Walcott
Charlestown Jan. 15th 53.
Ex. Com.
Missionary Union

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2119 [redacted]
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Miss.ri Jany 1st 1853 –

Wm Harned Esqr.

Dear Bro. –

Your favours have all been duly rec'd. The bedstead, rocker & tubs with my furniture – The stove is an excellent one & yet the cheapest kind of Premium stove is equally as good for this country, where we have ovens to bake in. The medicines & other things are rec'd in good order. Thank you kindly. The following to the committee will answer other matters –

Rev. G. Whipple

Many thanks to you & the committee for all your kindness & favours. As it respects the allowance of $50 pr. annum more than the usual appropriation to this station – in duty to myself, I ought to say, was unsolicited by me. The brethren here said it was necessary from the expensiveness of living more than at other stations & acted accordingly. Experience convinces me of its correctness. I assure you I accept it only from necessity, & should I be able, by economy, to get along with less I shall be as ready to relinquish it. As it respects my administering medicines all my services are gratuitous. I shall, probably, receive enough for medicines to cover cost. This is giving me a wide influence and I

Endeavoured to embrace the opportunity to do the people good. I have the satisfaction to believe that much intemperance is prevented & one rumshop closed, mainly, through my influence But the Tiger is yet unchained & from four "respectable" rumshops, kept by white men, near by Oberlin, a flood of drunkenness, blasphemy & hatred to all that is good & pure is pouring forth. Of course I am considered an innovator & the cry is raised "great is the goddess" —

Our church is increasing gradually - The congregation is large & prospects appear favourable - There is one thing however, very unfavourable - that is - the condition of our school. The disposition of teachers (the best probably that could have been done) has been very unfortunate for Oberlin. The people were expecting Miss Dean. And when it was decided that she was not to stay at Oberlin, some of the people said it was no use to have any one - They could send to other schools &c. - Under these unfavourable circumstances Miss Hicks commenced her school - very few, except our own members, sent to school - Miss H. could not sing at all (this is an important qualification for a teacher in Jamaica) & some other little things occurring - the people would hardly be pacified - indeed it could hardly be expected that she would succeed. She has now left for Providence - We have only a boy (Charles Sims) 17 years old, who is to be our teacher - It is not presumed that he will exert an influence beyond our own church. There ought to be 100 scholars & the right kind of teacher might gather that number - whereas now the average attendance is not over 20 —

Oberlin, it appears to me, is the most important point in all our stations - Brainard has more people & children under its immediate influence - but here we are a little light midst surrounding darkness - Our influence from this point is more widely extended. It is most public & prominent of all the missions stations - & meets with strongest opposition —

I was in hopes to retain one of the new teachers - (Mr B. or Miss Howe) at Oberlin, but the brethren think that Bro. Old's claim is strongest. & Bro. Thompson's want more imperious at Eliot — I really wish you would send out a good teacher - (a female could do nearly as well as a male if she could sing & has experience in teaching) but let her come labelled "Oberlin Station, Jamaica Mission" —

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You will, no doubt, be informed of our recent meeting, at the Riding Celebration - when the brethren pledged - from $50. to $100. each for the Missionary Society - I have also pledged $60. - so soon as I can, by prudence & economy, save the amount from my salary - I regret that I cannot pay it now - but it is impossible to do so & meet other engagements — — While you have the goodness to pay my subscriptions to the Periodicals & forward the bills to Bro. Wolcott — I must close by wishing you all a happy New year - Pray for me — Mrs. Way joins in love to all the friends

Yours truly P. R. Way

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Rev. G. M. Nott
Danville Va.
Jany 10/53.

I take the liberty of enclosing for your perusal a letter that I recd about a year since, from Miss Atkins, one of the young ladies referred to in my communication

A. M. R.

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Colebrook Jan 2nd 68

Dear Brother in Christ,

It is vain for me to tell with how much real pleasure your "hasty note" as you term it, was received. To hear words of encouragement, and admonition from my much loved Pastor once more is truly gratifying. It is now more than two years since I last saw you, since that eve. what changes have

have taken place with us all. The members of that "prayer circle" who were wont to meet [illegible] at a throne of grace there to mingle their prayers and sympathies together. where are they now. sundered wide are hearts which then beat in holy unison. You ask me of the welfare of those "dear sisters" with the exception of Jane and Elizabeth H Martha, Lucetta and Malora I can tell you nothing about them. those I have mentioned are I have reason to believe, still the followers of the Savior. Though I have been denied associating with them much for the last two years still are they dear to me. can I ever forget the scenes of sacred enjoyment spent in L. with those cherished friends?—ah no—"There are memories in my heart that cannot die"—

—I am teaching this winter in Colebrook. have a school numbering some sixty three scholars. of all grades. from young men and women down to the ABCdarians. I find it almost too much for me. I trust however that I shall have health. strength and patience given me sufficient.

for my day. You ask of me "if my heart is so warm that I could enter upon a missionary field of labor".

I respond yes cheerfully. well as I love my native land, my home my dear father and mother, and my loved and loving brothers yet I humbly trust the supreme affections of my heart are placed upon Jesus. I am unworthy and incompetent to enter upon so great a work — this I am aware of. but with God all things are possible. if 'tis his will that I should work in his vineyard as a foreign missionary surely there will be a way pointed out. But though I may never have the privilege of pointing the benighted minds of the heathen to a crucified and arisen Savior. yet my warmest sympathies will ever be for them. It is my daily prayer that the glad time may soon come when the shores of Africa and the isles of the ocean shall be vocal with praise of God. I have thought that Sterne might be a missionary, but it has pleased God to order it otherwise, his health and strength are all insufficient for such arduous labor. But I must close — teachers even here have but little

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time or chance for letter writing. Give my best love to Mrs R & and the little ones. Though not permitted to meet again on this side Heaven yet tis consoling to think that if faithful we may "All meet in that bright land Where parting words are never spoken" thank God for this, yes we shall meet again. Yours in bonds of Christian love

E. Irene A

A. M. Richardson Jamaica

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New York

Closed Jan. 3d

Rev S. Phillips

Dear Sir

In view of the intolerable delays to which I have been subjected, I must say, that it is perfect bondage to be under an appointment from the Com. ship Dept. I certainly am at a loss to know why I have been kept in waiting for the last four weeks. When you have known of a way by which it may not have gone to San Francisco some time ago.

Yr. Trade

Philip Howe.

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Let me say to you that I cannot account for the extra charge made for my board at the Gordons. I know there has been this feeling since the first week of my being with them, that it was not for them to provide a home for one belonging to another religious body, nor could they account for my being left with them, for an indefinite length of time and no one have interest enough on the matter to make even the inquiry of

Allen Beach.
Jan. 15-8.

then, whether, any continuing
with them, while in debt
would be convenient or not.
If the claim made,
is unjust they will some
see it by having it met
them by disputing it
I know the matter
will not be mended
by arguing ~~[illegible]~~
I do not know as you
wish to be bothered with this, I am
sure I can only say that you
should be satisfied by it—
Mr Evans

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Rev. George Whipple

Elim Station
Jan. 3rd 1833.

My dear brother,

It naturally devolves on me to chronicle two events of late occurrence among us.

On the 22d of Dec. last all the members of the Mission with their families, were present at this Station, to witness the Marriage ceremony between Addison Moffat and Sarah Blakely. It was a season of very great interest, not only because it was a "Marriage feast," but because it brought all our ministers & teachers together. We were in number 18 Adults and 9 Children — A happy band of brethren and sisters convened together to bear testimony to the constitution of a new family — Four years ago, a similar scene took place in our family, (the marriage of Rev. Mr. Jones to Miss Catharine Staley) but it was not attended with circumstances to endear so any precious.

The parties left us that Evening for their mountain home situated near Bethania Station, which is called "Mount Bethany," where they are now getting together their newly arrived furniture and preparing to commence housekeeping. We all rejoice in the new family though we are left again without a teacher. For a while we know not what to do, as we received no word from the society, and could not well act, till we did; which left us somewhat in an anxious state; It was in this state that I addressed a letter to Bro. Hamid begging him to tell us what the society could do. Before however, that letter could have reached S. L. to our great joy word was received that two teachers were or soon would be, on their way to Jamaica — It was good news to thirsty souls. We now wait their arrival —

Miss Howe will doubtless be appointed to take Mrs. Moffat's place at this Station. — Till she arrives Mrs. Pompson will go on with the School.

Also — At this Meeting a resolution was adopted expressive of sympathy with the Society in its present financial embarrassments, and a determination on our part to do what we could to make the current year's receipts to amount to $50,000.

Besides our own contributions we ask our churches to give also. How much we may raise is yet unknown.

In our contributions as Missionaries we do not give our surplus money, but our "living" or what we need to maintain our families and to meet other necessary expenses. — We hope our friends at home will not infer from the amount of our donations, that we are "getting rich" on our present salaries. — Since I have been in Ja. I have expended more than my salary, every year except one, and that year I saved $1.25. — May the Lord stir up Christians throughout the World to make more liberal contributions for the salvation of men. The Church is becoming miserably rich. She is laying up treasures on Earth instead of in Heaven. There ought not to be a call from any part of the world for Missionary services, but the Church should promptly step forward and supply it. May that time soon come — when both men & means will be adequate to the demand and the Earth be filled with the Knowledge of the Lord "as the waters cover the Sea."

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~~The other comp in the Installation of bro Gray which took place at Obertin Dec 29. I send you a copy of the minutes of the meeting~~

An eccl. council convened at Oberlin Station on the 29 day of Dec 1852. pursuant to an invitation from the Church. The council was organized by the choice of the Revd A. M. Richardson Moderator and L. Thompson clerk pro tem. Moderator. The Moderator then called for the reading of the resolution of the Church authorizing the call of the council. The credentials of delegates were then called for, when it appeared that seven churches were represented.

Brownhill Church	had sent	A. M. Richardson	Pastor,	Richard Hinds	Delegate
Elliot	"	"	L. Thompson	"	
Hermitage	"	"	S. T. Malcott	"	Wm Campbell "
Deer Pen.	"	"	"	"	C. B. Denning "
Providence	"	"	H. B. Hall	"	George Hyde "
Brandon Hill	"	"	"	"	George Syms "
Obertin	"	"			John Edwards "

Rev. J. M. Gray

The council then proceeded to examine the candidate, of which. At the close, it was voted that the examination be sustained, ~~and that we proceed with the exercises of Installation~~ the following order of Installation exercises

1. ~~Reading of the minutes of the council by the clerk~~
2. Invocation and reading of the Scriptures. (Titus 1:-) by L. Thompson
3. Sermon. & Installing prayer by S. T. Malcott - ~~Pert. Eccl. 12:11.~~
4. Charge to the Pastor by A. M. Richardson
5. Address to the people by L. Thompson
6. Benediction by Pastor.

L. Thompson Clerk pro tem

~~Without the exception of the Installation~~

of brother Richardson we have been rather informal in our Installations. We are now willing to be ~~[illegible]~~ so large a body, and that we may ourselves control good habits. We fully purpose to be quite formal, according to Congregational usages.

As a mission we seem now in a prosperous condition. Our present wants are all supplied so far as laborers are concerned. — I do not include the new fields that are opening around us, but refer to our present fields

Last Sab. was a day of peculiar interest. — It was the first Sab. in the new year — It was our communion day — ~~and~~ Seven persons were received to the church. Three of the number were reclaimed persons — the others were received for the first time. May the Lord continue to smile upon us ~~the whole year~~.

I must now close — Mrs Thompson wishes very kindly to be remembered to Mrs Whipple and yourself

Permit me to be

My dear bro.

Yours very affectionately

L. Thompson

Rev. L. Thompson
Elliot
Jan 4 1853.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2126
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Rev S. Wright

Dear Sir

I fear you went away the other evening not quite approving, my refusing to give you any definite or satisfactory reason for writing you, that you had known of a way by which I might have gone to Jam-

Let me now tell you why I did not (for I greatly fear that you could not have approved my not replying to your inquiries) The persons, from whom I received the information, had no

thought of my bringing it before you in the way I did, nor had they any design in saying that you knew of the way, or ways, for the Baltimore way, was only one of the ways spoken of.

It was my own choice to tell you of it in the way I did.

I seem to be fated to say disagreeable things to you. I wish I could know that you do not care for them, tho I have no apology for what I said in my note the other day; I mean all the other disagreeable and unpleasant sayings, aside from that.

I do not know what has prepared me to disagree with you, for it would certainly be much pleasanter disagreeing with almost any one else, than yourself.

Lovingly
A. Home

New York Feb. Jan 7th

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Miss M. Howe
N.Y. Jan 7. 1853.
Rec^d Jan 11/53

Rev. H. B. Hall.
Providence. R. I.
Jan 7/53.

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Providence Jamaica. Jan 17. 1853.

Dear Brother Whipple

Before you receive this you will probably have learned that the Churches of our Mission are taking up contributions for the Mendi Mission. We are a little behind hand at this place as the people wanted a little time to enable them to get something to give

The contribution of this Church is four dollars & sixty two cents ($4.62) and that of the Church at Brandon Hill is three dollars & thirty cents ($3.30) You of course receive their contributions by charging them on my account.

You may have learned, that it was the decision of the Mission that Miss Hicks come to this Station. She commenced school last week with twenty five scholars. A few more have come in to day & a good many more say they are coming soon.

The people are all engaged in building a school house. A gentleman in Kingston gives twenty five dollars towards it. and the people expect to complete it, with their own labor. & what little they may receive from other sources.

The Church begin to feel that in what they have done for the support of the gospel, for years past, they have come short of their duty. I hope the future will tell better on their accounts than the past has.

All the people complain of being poor and of hard times. Some say they had rather give a days labor than to pay

twelve cents. The people of America would think it a hard life to live as most of the people here do. though most of the people might get a long better if they had a little more practical knowledge. But most are slow to learn any other way than to plod on in the old path. Some tried Arrow root. but that bears so low a price that most have given it up raising it. Many. many a sad tale might be told of the wants and sufferings of the people.

It seems there will be a great scarcity of provisions again this season.

Things at this place & also at Brandon Hill just now seem quite favorable.

In a letter of Dec 20. I requested you to send. with other books. "Northwood" by Mrs Hale &c. I did so with the impression on my mind that its commendation was by the Editor of "The Independent". but I see my mistake. that the book is commended by its author or publisher & I surpect it is all a "humbug" and do not want it. I hope you have not purchased it already.

We are all in usual health. Mrs Hall & Miss Hicks join in kind regards

Very Affectionately & truly Yours
H. B. Hall

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Jamaica W. I. Jany 18/53

Messrs. Schieffelin Bro. & Co.

Gent.

I rec^d the Enclosed Bill of goods, best mark'd, in good order, all satisfactory except Bal. Pipe - & that I presume is not your fault - There is, as you will readily perceive an Error of $8.44 on charge of 4 oz. Oil Cloves 225 & c

Which you can pay to order of Rev Geo. Whipple & oblige

Yours truly P. M. Wray

Jamaica Mission
Memo. of $8.44 recd. from
Scheiffelin, Bro. & Co.
on a c. of error in their bill
pd by A.M.A. schgd. to Jam.
mission.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Hermitage Jan. 21st 1853

Rev. G. W. Pepple.

Dear Brother,

In my last under date of Jan. 1st I noticed our holding missionary meeting among the people to raise some funds &c. — Also the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Moffat at Eliot and a meeting of the mission for business at the same time — Dec 23 — I specified thru resolution 1st in relation to transfer of Oberlin & Providence teachers 2d Appropriation of $20.00 for repairs

3d Preamble & resol. of mission to aid the A.M.A. in raising the $5000 — proposed at annual meeting —

I have this day received returns in full from all the stations of Bro. Olds' place excepted, where it was not thought best to attempt anything — and I will now give you the final result —

Brainerd	$21.24	Eliot	$15.00
Oberlin	14.40	Providence	7.92
Hermitage	7.20	Whole amount	$65.76

Bro Richardson notifies me that Bro Moffat has added $20. to his donation, which makes it up to $30. The sum total then from members of mission is $440. instead of $490. as per former advice. Whole sum from Mission & people $505.76

$505.76

Bro. Way writes me that his people have pledged about £3-0-0 to be paid in March. I have put it down in dollars & cents.

My people have already paid what I have put down. The amount is small. I could have increased it by opening subscriptions to be paid by & by. but we have unpaid pledges for our new house, and a recent purchase of land to meet & I think our people have as much on them as they will patiently & faithfully bear.

The whole sum from the Jam. Mss in $595,34 bro. Warren can now enter on book Dr. to Mission. I will put the same to your Cr. & apply on Salaries here.

Your last letter received by me is of Dec. 3d 1853. I omitted one resolution of the mission in my last, which was to recommend that the Salary of bro. Moffat commencing Jan. 1853 be three Hundred Dollars $300.

Signs of the times comparatively promising. Schools have opened very prosperously.

My compliments to bro. Warren & Family.

With love to all. As ever yours

Seth T. Wolcott

P.S. Please say to Bro. Hearned that I do not wish to renew my subscription for my extra copy of New York Tribune — It may stop when the year is up —

S. T. W —

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Rev. S. P. Wolcott.
153. Hermitage,
Jan. 21. 1853.

$505.76

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2129
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Mt. Patience

Jamaica Jan. 28. 1852

Dear Br. Whipple

Though I have time to write but a few words I feel inclined to improve the opportunity. You have probably learned before this, through members of the mission, & what Mr Moffat & myself wrote to Br. Ward, the particulars in relation to the change in our circumstances, which I need not repeat.

Be assured I am happy in my new relation, & trust I am, & shall be none the less useful for the change. If I know my own heart I have not acted selfishly in this matter, but

after serious consideration & prayer have acted from the very first with a desire to glorify God & with the impression that the course I have pursued would be for his glory.

I am now assisting Mr. Moffat in the school & find it pleasant to labor with such a Dear Friend & Companion. Many thanks for your kind wishes in regard to us.

Your Christian Sister.

Sarah B. Moffat.

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Mrs. S. B. Moffat
Mt. Pleasant.
Jany. 28. 1853.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Mt Patience Jan. 28th 1853

Dear Br Whipple

Your letters of the 27th & 5th inst to myself and wife have been rec'd. The following disposition has been made of the money due us now in your hands. The $10.00 sent to my wife's brother (Mr David Blakely) is requested to be deducted from the amt. due us, and for the remainder $51.63 an order has been made out as you suggested.

Had I time, dear brother, I should be pleased to write you at some length. I will however pen a few things interesting to myself if not to you. And first I want to say that Br. Richardson is one of the best, if not the best man that I ever became acquainted with. I do not mean by this that he is the wisest and strongest & handsomest man that I ever knew, but he is so kind & faithful & true — advising & taking advice with no appearance of selfishness or pride. He is a dear, good brother — and we get along so well together. I greatly fear for him he has so much to do. O that he had the strength of a giant!!

Up to Christmas there were 130 different scholars who attended my schools — average attendance 68. Don't you think that I needed an assistant? I am so glad that I now have one, a good one. Tuesday of this week there were present 105 scholars. Last week the

average attendance was more than 90. It would have been more than a hundred this week, had it not been for the rains. We rejoice not only on account of the number that attend, but because of their apparent improvement physically, intellectually & morally. Here I might mention several interesting circumstances but must forbear. I now feel doubly strong — yet O how weak. We are truly blessed. I pray that we may be blessings, not to ourselves only but also to those over whom God has placed us.

Yours faithfully

Addison Moffat

Addison Moffat.
Mt. Pleasant
Jan. 28, 1853.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2131
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Hinsdale, Dec 31st. 1853.

Rev Geo Whipple.

My Dear Brother.

Sickness has prevented me from writing to you as soon as I desired. Since the birth of a little girl in Dec my health has been very poor & continues to be so. Some weeks ago I received a letter from Dr Hyde saying he had forwarded to the Mission Rooms a barrel containing the remnant of my worldly goods, & desired me to send for them. I have felt anxious about them from a fear that in your small storerooms they would be a trouble to you, but for the reason I gave, you, have not communicated with you, as you probably may think I ought to have done. I shall want them in the spring at Syracuse, & if they are not troublesome, it would accommodate me much to have them remain as they are, until that time, but if they are, I will take immediate measures to have them removed.

I intend to enclose with yours, a letter to Dr Hyde informing him of the birth of his little girl, & must in addition to all otherfavors, beg of you to forward it to Dr Bond.

Dr Hyde seems to infer from my refusing to go back under present circumstances, that my affections, sympathies &c are withdrawn from him, & manifests great coldness towards me & no disposition or even wish to see me again. A short letter at the time he sent the barrel is all he has directed to me

My mind has been so long harassed & driven about by every wind of doctrine that I have sought rest for it by dismissing the subject of religion from it, as much as I dared to do for the present, hoping that it will be the better prepared to seek the truth.

My Dear Brother, can you tell me the cause of my having lost my confidence in almost all professing christians. There is not one among my christian acquaintances that I can open my heart too, as I would like to do, or as I might to you, & as I possibly might to the Rev. O. Winer, my former pastor — I realise that I may be prejudiced, partially governed by ideas suggested by those, who knew not what they do, therefore I have no confidence in my judgment, either of myself or others.

"Guide me, oh thou great Jehovah", is my daily prayer.

Is it mental derangement that takes Miss Hunt back to Jamaica. I saw her in Septr last, at which time she spoke of Dr Hyde's derangement & of the blame she attached to his friends for not bringing him home. I hope, but amidst many fears in her going.

You must tire of this subject, but my apology is, my own interest in the father of my little ones. May the God of mercy bless him.

As soon as my health is established, I intend going to Syracuse, hoping to find employment, for although my friends let me know no want, I am not willing to be a dependant longer than is necessary —

Hoping to receive another of your kind, heart reviving letters,

I remain yours, (I hope) in the bonds of christian love & fellowship.

W. S. R. Hyde

Hinsdale Cattaraugus Co.)

since last July, & that came in an envelope to Miss Hunt. Miss H— has written me that she intends leaving for Ga & that Dr H— wishes her to take back my youngest boy, which she will come for, if I consent. She also sent me a package of letters from Dr H— to herself, in which he urges her to come to Ga, telling her, without reserve, in what relation he expects her to stand to him. Can it be possible that she will go under those circumstances. She said you advised her not to go.

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Dr Hayde speaks of my unwillingness to return, as an unwillingness to suffer persecution for righteousness sake, & as yielding to the temptations, offered by relatives, & the world. My fears of my motives are neither few or far between, still I feel that I cannot live under the circumstances that I did for two years before I left, & hoping that such a feeling arises from God, I can but follow it, praying Him to incline my heart to do right in the matter.

I have not suffered as much this winter from those distracting fears of my own souls salvation as for some time before. Why, I cannot tell. The thought often crosses my mind, that it may be because God has forsaken me, yet I do not feel burdened with it. I do not realise, & have scarce a hope that I am a christian, then why this indifferent state of mind on the subject,— yet not indifferent entirely, for I would give the world, were it mine to give, for a consciousness of being God's child, & an inheritor of his kingdom.

Mrs. Ch. F. M. Hayde
Hedrndale N.Y.
Jan 31/53.

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At sea, off Kingston, Sat. eve
Feb. 5th 1853

Rev. Geo. Whipple
N.Y.

Dear Sir

We have made rather a lengthy trip of it, as the date of this tells you, & in part a pretty rough one — Sat. eve. after leaving N.Y. a high wind came on & held on till Monday eve making many sick & some fearful — Afterwards the weather was favorable & we reached Aspinwall on Sunday morn, the 30th ult. — Leaving A. Thursday eve. we now expect to reach K by noon to morrow, having had a rough passage back — This debarkation of passengers, & doing many other things which are not fit to be done on any day, upon the Sabbath, is very unpleasant to one, who would remember that day to keep it holy.

The Officers of this ship seem to be of the class called, gospel-hardened; yet one would fain hope otherwise — Testaments from the A.B.S were distributed among the cabin passengers on the outward passage, by one of the waiters. If such vessels had a tract-rack in their saloons, the A.T. Society would gladly furnish the tracts gratuitously, I think — Who will set that ball in motion? Aspinwall seems to have a ready & an open hand for a missionary of the A.M.A — The gospel has never been proclaimed there I think — An Israelite by birth, a graduate of Princeton, & a professed disciple of Christ, there said to me, he would help support any orthodox minister, such was their want — The resident population is below 500, but the sojourners are frequently numerous. The unhealthiness of the place is the only serious objection to the settlement of a pastor there, but that must be lessened under Yankee intervention.

Kingston

Feb 7th The Uncle Sam arrived here at 3 PM yesterday;
Leaving Miss Norr on board I went up town, & found Dr Barnett
who kindly attended me back to the ship, & took Miss N in charge
We are staying with him, as Mr Beardslee is said to be full
Mr Wolcott will be in town tomorrow & will give us orders I suppose.
We are told the roads now, are in a bad state from the rains —
I have had as yet, no misgivings in relation to this undertaking,
but think that patience & perseverance in it, shall be blessed of God
to the appearing of fruit at some period. I find we made a mistake
in the payment of the outfit-money; we called what I had received
$15.83, what remained of the $25, thus giving me $31.66 — Some thing for
expenses since leaving N Y, ought to be deducted from the $6.66, & the balance
may be charged to me; I will sum up, when I finish the journey.
On a review, I think there should have been a better & earlier understanding
between us about, our going to our respective situations, & also about
outfit, expenses &c. considering the time spent in N Y, & yet I'll not
allow such little things to trouble me, or make me over-suspicious.
I wish you would send the Miss. to Oliver Brown Waterbury Conn.
& if you please a copy of the annual discourse with it. I suppose you
may be willing to receive a letter from me, once a month, or so, & I may be able
to write as often as [illegible].

Very Respectfully
John. W. Briggs

Rec'd Feb 22.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2133
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd - Feb 7th 1853

~~Rev. Geo. Whipple~~

Rev. G. M. Whipple
Lincoln Ill.

Dear Brother:- When I wrote you last, I mentioned the loss this church had sustained by the sad defection of one of its most prominent & influential members. I have now to record, (altho' with very different feelings) the loss of another valuable assistant - Dea John L. Phillips. He has fallen not into the snare of the devil - but into that "Blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep!"

He died on the 20th ult, after a short but severe illness of one week. His disease was Dysentery - He was smitten down in the prime of life, leaving a wife & 6 children, mostly of tender years - to mourn their loss. As an office bearer in the Ch he shared largely in the confidence & esteem of its members. His kind & amiable disposition, & consistent, christian deportment gained for him the good will & affection of all. ~~But while~~ Death came suddenly, but it did not find him unprepared. He stood girded & waiting for his Master's summons - Two days before his death, he sent for me to visit him, & altho' quite low & weak, he yet conversed freely & cheerfully - In answer to some inquiries that I made, he told me he did not think he should recover, & added in a tone of most impressive solemnity & earnestness, that he wished to have some conversation with me, about "the great Eternal Life!" The following is the substance of his remarks during the interesting interview that followed - He said, he felt that his work was done - he knew it was a solemn thing to die, & go into Eternity - but he felt that God was his Father, & Christ his Savior. He wished me to bear his dying testimony to the ch-

'Tell the Brethren', said he, 'that the hope I have cherished, & the confidence I have felt in Christ, does not fail me now - I know in whom I have put my trust' - I inquired if his mind was clear, & whether he was able to think or pray much? 'O yes', he replied, with much emphasis - 'I think & pray a great deal, a great deal!' As we were about uniting in prayer, I asked him for what he wished me to pray: 'that God would make me clean & support me thro' the fiery trial' was his reply - he expressed no anxiety to live, but said his great desire was, to be prepared to meet God in peace - When asked a short time before his death, where he wished to be buried - he answered 'It matters little what becomes of my body, so my heart is only right'.
The night previous to his death, his soul seemed to receive new light & strength, & he was filled with great joy & peace & spent most of the time in praising God & exhorting those around him. At my request, his family have written down a few of his last words, that I might know his state of mind during the closing hours of his life - the following is a copy, (with a few verbal alterations) of the paper handed me -
"Dear Minister - Your brother is in Jesus - In his death, the first word that he spoke was this - 'If a man is going into a far country what must he send before him? He must send his stool'." (meaning something for a support or foundation)
And after that, he opened his eyes, & raising both his hands to heaven, exclaimed, with a loud voice 'Farewell! farewell to the whole world & the church! I leave peace & joy to you - the Lord hath told me himself 'John! your work is finish! your work is finish! O, how sweet to die in the Lord! Jesus is sweet! Sinner! Friend! come! Jesus come! Tell the church again, farewell!

I see the golden street is clear: I stand on a sure rock, & on that rock I have a staff - (hope) and with that staff I fear no evil! O, Jesus is sweet to them that walk in his ways & keeps all his commandments! Tell the whole church farewell! My time is come! My Jesus is come! My staff comfort me!" His wife adds "Language cannot express in what love & faith your brother died." ¶ I send you this account, as an humble testimonial to the value & power of the grace of Christ, over a mind once debased by ignorance & degraded by sin - But a few years since, our departed brother was a slave! In bondage of both body & soul - altho' about 30 years old, at the time emancipation took place, he had since learned to read & write quite well, & his knowledge of the Scriptures, & aptness in quoting & illustrating them, would have put to shame, many who have enjoyed better opportunities.

It is delightful & encouraging to know, that, that God - who is able, from the very stones of the earth, to raise up children to his praise - can & does, raise up from among this sunken people, some who shine on earth, as illustrious trophies of his grace, & who will shine forever in heaven, arrayed in the glorious habiliments of the redeemed - ¶ Respecting the condition of the ch & people, I have nothing specially new or interesting to communicate - things remain pretty much as when I last wrote - the school at Mt Patience is in a highly prosperous condition. The daily attendance exceeds 100 - I visited the school yesterday, & found 115 present - today Br Moffat informs there are hundred & twenty four scholars in attendance! It would do you good to look in upon such a crowd of children & youth, brot daily under the redeeming influence of faithful training & religious instruction - A couple of gentlemen, who chanced to call while I was

in the school, expressed themselves quite surprised & delighted at seeing so many assembled. One of them, was a highly respected magistrate in this Parish, the other resided in an adjoining Parish - Both gave it as their opinion, that the physical & moral regeneration of Jamaica, depends, under God, on the Education & religious instruction of the rising generation. In this opinion, I believe all intelligent, christian men here coincide - nothing save the furnishing of the people with ample means for Education & religious instruction, will save them from relapsing into a state of barbarism. I think ~~Br & Sister Moffat (& indeed~~ all our Teachers) are doing a great & good work. But they need iron frames & the patience of Job! all the schools connected with the mission are in successful operation, & I believe they have never been in so flourishing & prosperous a condition as at present - the number enjoying Sabbath school instruction at this station is upwards of 200 - We are just now very busy putting up permanent seats in our Chapel - ~~Br Thompson is with us superintending the work~~ If prospered, we hope to have them all completed in about two weeks, when our place of worship will present an attractive & comfortable appearance - By the way we very much need a good bell of moderate size. The one we now have is quite too small, & fit only for school purposes - many of our people live 3 & 4 miles distant from chapel, & having (with few exceptions) no timepieces, need the sound of the church going bell, to warn them of the hour of worship - Feb 8th We have just rec'd intelligence of the safe arrival of Mr. Briggs & Miss Hamel - they reached Kingston on the 7th inst - Br Thompson & myself start for Town in the morning (D.V.) to meet them & escort them up into the mountains. Many thanks for more labourers. Pray for us, that we may be efficient coworkers with God; thanks also for the Bill of Lords forwarded from friends in Lenox - O & for a bundle of papers & letters - Mrs R. Br & Br & Sister Moffat unite in christian love to yourself, Br Hamed & the Com - Yours truly

A. M. Richards

Oberlin Feb. 10 - 1853

Dear Bro Warned,

The Teachers have arrived & I with the brethren am at Oberlin, & in the midst of our business a messenger offers to take this at once - I have time for few remarks - My Statement of A/cs you will see leaves a large balance against me, for next quarter - As our donation will come in next qr. a/c my drafts will of course be small in proportion

N.B. Please say to bro. Whipple that bro. Richardson suggests that Bro. & Mrs. Moffat & Mrs. Richardson be constituted life Members - This may change my Specification to him in the matter -

Some receipts from Eliot & Brainard Schools which I have not received will be paid to your cr. when I get them - The vote has just passed that Mr. Briggs Stop at Oberlin - In haste

As ever Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2134
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S. J. Wolcott's acct
2/20/53

Package 10

American Missionary Association in Account with Jamaica Mission since Sept 1st 1852

1852	To Salaries from 1st Sept. to Nov. 30th,			Dr	
Sept.	" G. Thompson $100. A. M. Richardson 100. =	$ 200	00		
"	" P. M. Way 100. H. B. Hall 100. A. D. Olds 100.	300	00		
"	" S. T. Wolcott 100. A. Moffat 50. Miss S. Blakely 40.	190	00		
"	" Miss Mary Dean 40. Miss Maria Hicks 40.	80	00		
"	" Discount allowed on drafts of Aug. 24th 500, & Sept. 6. 200	14	00	784	00
1853					
Jan.	" Salaries from Dec. 1st to Feb 28th - G. Thompson	100	00		
"	" A. M. Richardson 100. S. T. Wolcott 100	200	00		
"	" P. M. Way 112,50. H. B. Hall 100. A. D. Olds 100.	312	50		
"	" A. Moffat to Dec. 31st one month 16,66. Do. to Feb. 28th 50	66	66		
"	" Miss S. Blakely one month 13,33. M. Hicks 40. M. Dean do	93	33	772	49
"	" O. B. Fenning. Salary for year ending Dec. 31st 1852	300	00		
"	" Salary extra to A. M. Richardson, as per vote of Gen.	50	00		
"	" Deficit of Salary on 2/4 qrs. to P. M. Way "	31	25		
"	" Duties on goods for P. M. Way "	32	25		
"	" Balance Teachers Salary at Golden Vale, for part year	24	00		
"	" " " " " Providence "	19	74		
"	" Rent of rooms of Dr. Barrett for year ending Apr. 30th 1853	57	60		
"	" Discount on drafts of Nov. 22d 500. & Dec. 1st 200	14	00	528	84
Feb 5	" Items from Mr. Harned's a/c to general a/c of Mission				
"	" Clothing for A. Moffat charged by Mr. H. July 31st	1	75		
"	" Trunk for P. M. Way - Sept. 30. bought March 24 -	2	25		
"	" Clothing for A. Moffat. Oct. 11. " in May	13	50		
"	" Mary Howe on acct. of Outfit - Nov. 22	25	00	42	50
				2127	83

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1852	Amer. M. Ass'n			Cr.	
Sept.	By drafts of Aug. 24th 500. & Sept. 6th 200	$ 700	00		
"	" Balance due Aug. 31st	141	56		
"	" Leather sent to G. Thompson from Syracuse	15	66		
"	" Clothing sold from bundle from Strongville 6 2/3	6	96		
"	" Bedquilts sold by Mr. Thompson	18	72		
"	" Receipts from people by G. Thompson	86	46		
"	" " " " A. M. Richardson	45	00		
"	" " " " S. T. Wolcott	38	91	1053	27
1853					
Jan.	" Drafts of Nov. 22d - 500. & Dec. 1st 200	700	00		
"	" Donation from the Friends in England, for Schools	144	00		
"	" School receipts from Chesterfield & Devon Pen	26	18	870	18
Feb 8.	" Items from Mr. Harned's a/c with Jam. Mission				
"	" Clothing for Mr. Moffat, under date of July 31st	1	75		
"	" Books &c. for J. C. Beardslee 7.80 + 2,25 =	10	05	11	80
	Over			1935	25

1855	Brought over	$		1,935	25
Feb 8	by 20 copies "Child's Paper" aug. 10.	2	00		
"	" Trunk for P. M. Way bought in March	2	25		
"	" Partage sent by Steamer Sept. 30.	1	25		
"	" A. M. Richardson's draft of Sept 9th	30	00		
"	" Clothing for Moffat. Oct 11. bought in May	13	50		
"	" Books for Maria Hicks		85		
"	" Books &c. for J. C. Beardslee 15, + 3.44 + 0.50.	18	94		
"	" Medicines for P. M. Way 122.40. Hardware 4.96	127	36		
"	" Weekly Tribune 2 Copies to No 601. - Oct 25.	1	25		
"	" Cash for Miss M. Dean, to her mother	25	00		
"	" Expense on box received for A. D. Olds		31		
"	" New York Independent 5 copies for 1 year	10	00		
"	" Bible &c. books for P. M. Way. Nov 8.	15	97		
"	" Amer. Tract Soc. 25.31. No. J. Young 3.52 =	28	83		
"	" Pill machine 5.00 Labels 1.00	6	00		
"	" A. M. Richardson's draft of Nov. 6th	21	26		
"	" Mary Howe on a/c of Outfit - Nov 22.	25	00		
"	" Books &c for J. C Beardslee Nov 8. 19,10 + 8,57 + 1,08	28	75		
"	" Freight on goods received	1	81		
"	" For Sarah Blakely, to D. Blakely. Iowa	10	00		
"	" Barrett's bill for Magazines &c. $172.40				
	Less Discount, as rendered by Barrett, 3.44	168	96	539	29
				2,474	54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2135
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~~Kingston~~ Feb 17th 1853

Dear Bro ~~Whipple~~ Last week I wrote you communicating intelligence of the safe arrival in Kingston of Br Briggs & Sister Howe. I now write at the request of the Brethren to communicate the sad tidings of the death of the former. Br B died this morning, about 2 O'clock, of "Chagres fever", after an illness of one week. He was attacked with the fever before he left Kingston, & we hurried him up into the mountains because we thought a change of air, might be beneficial. But the disease had taken too strong hold upon his ~~vigorous~~ frame, and he rapidly sank beneath its terrible power. ~~Great probably caused that~~, The Steamer on which he took passage to Jamaica, was detained three or four days at Navy Bay, & while she was lying there he went on shore, & in all probability ~~imbibed~~ contracted the disease that has terminated thus fatally. He came among us, to lie down & die: Last Thursday the Breth gathered here to greet him & appoint him his field of labor. To-day we have assembled again, with tearful eyes & sorrowing hearts, to lay his noble form in the silent grave: He sleeps on a beautiful eminence, beneath the outspreading

branches of a stately Mango tree, only a few yards from the school-house, that was to be the scene of his future labors. Although a stranger & in a strange land, yet he was in the midst of friends who did everything in their power to ease his sufferings & save his life. Those of us, who had become most acquainted with him, had formed a very favorable opinion of his piety & devotedness to his Master's work, & cherished high anticipations of his future usefulness as a laborer in this missionary field. I can truly say, that I have seldom been more interested in an individual on so short an acquaintance ~~or more favorably impressed~~. I think he had an impression from the first attack, that his illness would prove serious, if not fatal. But he remarked in substance, that "he had no fears about the result. he had counted the cost before he left home, & felt that he was prepared for the worst." When inquired of, as we were about locating him, if he had any preference for any particular field; he replied in the negative, adding that "he came here to do good, & was willing to go wherever we thot he could be most useful." After his disease assumed a serious aspect, his brain became so much affected, that he was unable to converse intelligently; ~~yet it is~~ and he afterwards gave no indications of returning consciousness.
Yet when death closed the scene of suffering, a sweet

& heavenly smile settled on ~~the~~ his pale, calm features, ~~most pleasing & affecting to behold~~

"~~Triumphant smiles the victor's brow be~~"

Although he lived not to perform a missionary's work, ~~yet~~ he will doubtless wear a missionary's crown — We mourn in view of the loss, which the Mission & the cause of Christ have sustained by his premature death, while we feel admonished to double our diligence, gird our loins, & trim our lamps anew — I believe this is the first death that has occurred in this field among the members of ~~the~~ our Mission, since its establishment — But it were presumptuous to expect like exemption for fifteen years to come! May we all be found like faithful servants, ready & waiting, whenever the Master calls. The trunk & other effects of our departed brother, will be sent to the Rooms, to be forwarded to his friends, unless they should wish them otherwise disposed of — Please assure them of the heartfelt sympathy of all the members of the Mission, in their sudden and afflictive bereavement. We are not favored with the names or post office address of his family relatives — The members of the Mission, are all in usual health, so far as I know, at present. All unite in kind remembrance to yourself, & the other members of the Ex-Com —

Yours Bro in Christ

A. M. Richardson

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P.S. You will pardon the unseemly appearance of this sheet, as I have written in great haste, in the midst of deeply exciting & trying scenes - seeing an opportunity to send to Bure immediately, I cannot copy it, as it might prevent it from going by the next Steamer

Rev. J. M. Richardson.
Oberlin, N.Y.
Feb. 17. 1853

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2136
FISK UNIV.

First ship Platform
March 8th

Rev. Lewis Tappan
Care Mr. Ambulope

Dear Sir, I did hope that I should have nothing but good & pleasant things to say to you from Jamaica. It is no pleasure to say that I am in a most uncomfortable position. I shall research you for helping me into it and at the same time expect you will help me out of it. I wish you were not so far off for I am at a loss to know in what way I can make you understand precisely why I am in such a position

[illegible] I think it to

I wish I knew how to approach you but I do not

I have written the whole disagreeable subject in spite of the difficulty and so you may reconsider it. Perhaps it would be well I have made half a dozen attempts to communicate it to the boys I do not know as I need make any other explanation than to inquire why you did not distinctly inform me that the Trustees of Farmer had a number of teachers beyond appointing them to the proper officers and that the officers members of the Trustees had the direction of them even to setting them aside without consulting the Sec. or Pres. of the Board that appointed them

Took pains on an appointment

given the Sec. ship before to any other on such conditions

Sec sent me here and you said the conditions of my acceptance were fulfilled why did you not say that they were only fulfilled in part to the Sec at home and that other were to be met on the ground, that is to the officers.

Let me in as few words as possible say that I expected some news to the Thompson relations to angel & the was to misinterpreted them said they should be laid before the school pirates (Mr. Colcord)

On the 1st day of March I went into school at Eliot, the Thompson sequestered me before morning not to go in again until I had seen them, not only for that, but some other

Bussey, I withdrew of course, and of course rebelling against such a report. If some the Director a few days after, and the particular subject matter was not brought upon them, I received permission from them to go on with the school. The 1st of the month I again went in school I am yet in it. Not informed me back. But that unless certain conditions were complied with towards their school operation that they could not hire me, you can not hire you, upon use at liberty to go after the first of April.

The superintendent may employ you but we can not.

I do not design they shall hire me. If I am to continue in the work at your, I shall

ask to be permitted to do so
under the direction of those that
sent me here, if this can not be
then let me add that I do not
wish to hold the work by any
uncertain tenure, I can not
consent to remain
on any other condition

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I shall direct the
of the blame of all this, it is not
his general character I know, to
be unconscious or presuming.
I just see it clear beside all
the unknown influences that
have attended any every one getting
into the work at Pam. I do not
believe I am fit, it fitted, to belong
to you, any of you. I do not know
what possessing to do with our

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the field I am delighted that
to be under so other direction
& control than your own. If you
can either send for me or
let me stay, and I'll faithfully
by you & the cause be very good
to you very good conscience as not-
withstanding if I wanted only a servant
contrary to submit he would supply
[illegible] might now come when
I would come Eliza say he actually
was come before without bringing
instruction from the Sec. (please
give me some instructions & some
one for first,) I am sure by
you sent me here, is quite sure
that you could not have known
one, (and so forth)

There is a wide wide field
there, and here we Eliza
is an open field for some one
and the people are so ready to
receive a teacher & to give them
selves to them to be made & fashioned
by them that it must be a
pleasure to respond to their earnest
plea. I am sure I forget old fields
& new fields, while hearing such
expression as these, the want of teachers,
and that will never leave as
unless they get sick, the longer
they stay the better we like it, we
ask them in America to send
us a teacher, to look a good white,
and when we have a teacher
come as far as Bromsly life
unexplored. I am sure there must

to those who are fitted in all things both for the people & for Christ. I do not think it would be wise such that I should come to do I wish to consider present circumstances, and what am I to do. It is for you to say what

Yours sincerely
M Horne

Please tell us how your health is. We fear you will come to Penrith & get well, but I suppose there is no one he would to go that is as good as yourself, in Penrith

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M. Horne.
Eliot. Illinois,
March 8th 1853

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2138
FISK UNIV.

Mico Institution
Kingston, Jamaica
8th March 1853

My Dear Mr. Hamed

I received a bit of paper from you some time since, asking about the N. E. Journals, if all was right etc.

You sent me 12 Copies for January which was right. I had ordered 12 additional Copies from Fowler & Wells, to be sent in one package direct from them, including the 12 Copies through you, — 24 Copies in all — but I have not received them nor any other papers of any description since January. Have you forwarded any for Feby.?

I suppose you have heard of the death of Dear

Bro. Wheeler, who visited America in 1851. He died on the 9th inst. Since that time it has fallen to my lot to know the oversight of the church, and the result, though unlooked for & undesired by me, has been a call from the church to become their pastor. It has come in such a way & is so perfectly unanimous, that I have considered it my duty to accept it. It will be referred to the Directors of the S. M. S. and if approved by them, I shall probably leave this Institution in a few months.

Kingston presents a large & important, and difficult field of labor, but I shall be very glad to enter it under the Divine guidance. I trust He is calling me to the work and will qualify me for it. Though laboring under many disadvantages, the

cause has prospered under my feeble superintendence. Our congregations have greatly increased and some souls I hope have been brought to Christ.

Dear Bro. Briggs you have heard but touched our shores and took his flight to Heaven. It seemed indeed an angel's visit. I spent a few hours with him & he passed on to be seen no more. May the Lord sanctify this unexpected bereavement to the mission & to all concerned.

Two Baptist Missionaries in the country have died within the last two weeks.

I have arranged your accounts with Bro. Wolcott and he will set all right when he visits you. With love to Bro. W. & all our mutual friends I remain

Yours truly

J. W. Benedict

P.S. Henry F. Mein, M.D. 239 Spruce
Street Phila. has written me to say that
he is willing to come to Jamaica as
Hydropathic physician. He says he
has studied Allop. Homep. and
practised Hydropathy for 6 years.
Do you know anything of him?
If you can give me any information
respecting his character & qualifica-
tions I will be much obliged.

J. O. B.

Mark J. O. B.
Oct. 25/73

Rev. J. G. Pearce
Hampton Virginia

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Ja: 8th March 1853

Dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to you Mr. Comstock, the purser of the steam ship "Uncle Sam" — Mr. Comstock has kindly promised to take charge of any parcel for me & you will oblige me, by always sending my magazines and any other parcel you may have for me, by him, & I shall receive them without any further trouble — The "Uncle Sam" calls here regularly every month —

Truly, Yours truly,

For A B Barrett,

John E Wibb.

Wm Harned Esq

P.S. I have received no magazines this year What has become of them? I begin to forget that I have any to come — should quite if subscribers did not call about fifty times a day

AB

JEW.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2139
FISK UNIV.

Dr. Barnett
3/8/53

Package 10
Chest 5

A.M.A. ARCHIVES

Money sent & paper ordered

Chesterfield March 11. 1853.

Dear Br Whipple

I live twenty five miles from the post office & must send this opportunity tho' I have only time to say I am greatly profited by your kind letter to all. Will you please to send Twenty Dollars to my mother as soon as you receive this & order 10 copies of the Child's Paper to be sent to Mrs. Miriam Mc Nitt. Columbus Marquette Co Illinois. & charge all to my account. I have all the children I can attend to properly over thirty having no advanced scholars to assist me. I am your helper in the gospel

Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2140
FISK UNIV.

Mary Dean
March 11/53.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2141
FISK UNIV.

Hinsdale, March 12th 1853.

Dear Bro Whipple.

Dr Hyde writes me that the barrel I spoke to you about was forwarded, & the freight paid by Dr Barrett in Kingston. May it not be in the Custom House I know not if it would be advisable to make any effort to recover it, though I suppose its contents are valuable, to me at least.

Your letter of Feb 3d was duly received, for which please accept my hearty thanks. I hope to soon have the privilege you desire for me, in the counsels of your friends in Syracuse. My intention is to return there next month, when I shall seek their acquaintance.

My Dear Brother, let me confess to you the truth, & a truth that troubles me unceasingly. The Bible is a sealed book to me, & in prayer I find no consolation. Why is it, oh, why is it so, comes repeatedly from my lips though nothing satisfactory is suggested as an answer. It does often occur to my mind however, that it may arise, or be the result of influences brought to bear upon my mind for the few past years. I have so long been led to consider them as secondary in the means of grace that the habit of acting accordingly seems to be established in a degree that is hard to be overcome. I cannot write all that I feel upon the subject, perhaps it is not necessary,

to go to Jamaica. I apprehend but one result if she goes, which I would save her from if possible. I know of no one that possesses the influence over her mind that you do, & if your advice is unheeded by her I shall have hope from nothing else. I think she may have gone already.

It is late & I am tired. I feel uneasy from drawing so largely upon your time & attention, but forgive me for you are my only confidant. I shall hope to see you at some future time if I remain in Syracuse, having an idea that you call there occasionally.

Your troubled friend,

V. I. M. Hayde.

I trust God in mercy will enlighten my mind on many points where I feel perplexed, bewildered & perhaps stumbling. The question often comes to my mind, "What is truth" In what does religion consist, & many others of the same nature. I indulge my mind as little as possible, in its inclination to reasonings, doubts & fears of God, the church & myself. Oh can I hope that the darkness of guilt & unbelief will ever be dispeled from my mind. "Gods grace is sufficient", but my faith is not. Faith also is of God, so I may still hope, for his mercy is enduring. I know that,

I recieved a letter from Dr Hyde a few days since. The one previous, was cold & formal, while this last is kind & affectionate, & in which he expresses an ardent desire for my return to Jamaica. He says he wishes not to deceive me, but wishes me to understand that his "relation to men & things is essentially the same" as when I left.

I feel much perplexed in answering it. I cannot tell him, I think him insane, neither do I wish him to feel that my condemnation is of a nature to destroy my sympathies as existing between a wife & her husband. I wish to answer it in the way that will secure the best good to him. My own feelings would lead me to write kindly to him, with a very slight allusion to my returning or not returning. I never can go to him in Ja, but is it well to tell him so, I feel like dealing gently with an insane mind, but cannot trust my own judgment in the matter. I have not heard from Miss Hunt of late, but have written her, urging her to visit me, if she concludes

Mrs R. J. M. Hayden,
Hennidall N.Y.
March 12/53.

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Rev. George Whipple

Elliot Station
March 16th 1833.

My dear bro.

Ere this, you must have heard of the safe arrival of the two teachers, Mr Briggs and Miss Howe; also of the sudden and much lamented death of the former and the location of the latter at Elliot Station. When we learned that a female teacher was not only coming to Pa but had already arrived, we rejoiced much. We were ready with open arms to receive her, and to receive her as our teacher. And you may well imagine our great surprise & disappointment, when she put into my hands at Brainard a note a true copy of which I here give you.

Mr Thompson

My dear sir, I do not know but you may be annoyed if I say I am not going to remain in Pa. I do not know why I have been left to mistake the way as to come to here, but I cannot stay. I am both home sick and heart sick at the thought of remaining. I do not know what you will think of such odd thoughts, but they are not new ones, if they are strange.

Yours truly
Mary Howe.

This was after she had been appointed to Elliot school and by her own consent, and had made her first attempt at horse back riding, from Oberlin to Brainard a distance of 10 miles. I was at work at Brainard at the time and bro Richardson & myself labored kindly and faithfully to dissuade her from such a hasty and unwarrantable decission, as it seemed to us: but all to no purpose. After remaining at Brainard some two weeks she finally concluded to come to Elliot as the only alternative (for she could not get back to N. York immediately) and not because her heart was in the work, or that she wanted to come. As an agent of the Society sent to Jamaica to teach, I told her she might take the school, rather

them be without employment, & Mrs Thompson needed such; but not till she could come before our school committee as I would do nothing in school matters without their sanction. The directors consented that she might take the School for the present, supposing of course she would comply with the regulations of our Voluntary School Association. This however she declines doing, and throws herself back upon the Society. We cannot therefore regard her as Eliot teacher, or under the direction of our School Association

At a meeting of the Mission at Golden Dale last week the brethren advised Bro Richardson & myself, to write you, respecting her course & conduct, and to request the Society to send to us a teacher for Eliot, immediately. My conviction is, that Miss Howe is not & will not be a useful teacher among us. Certainly not in her present state of mind.— We as a Mission are as one family, and so far as we can judge, she has no hearty union with us as a Mission, or the Society in N.Y. as an anti slavery organization. She likes independency (is) to do as she chooses and none to controll her, and the fact that she must be under some controll here, as we all are, one to another, greatly distresses her— She says she has nothing against us, as a family or Eliot School or a School, but it is not a new field,— She dont like to build on another man's foundation. She wants to go away alone and begin anew — a thing utterly impracticable; and if not, she would be the last person we should recommend to send a field. Out of our Mission she will do nothing.— We have no field, such as she wants, to offer her; and as she cannot be contracted (or will not) to remain in the employ of any of the Mission Station Schools, should she ask to be recalled, I do think it will be wisdom for the Society to do so.

Surely we have had trouble enough about our school, and want no more. Miss Howe's course has been such as to wound many

one of Miss Hunt; and indeed we have often unconsciously called her Miss Hunt. She says you or the Society were not open & frank in telling her just how she would be situated out here. Had you been, she says she would never have come to Jamaica and yet her situation differs in no respect from the rest of our teachers; except that she would have, with us, more comforts than some others. I think she might make a good teacher, if and if, but as her habits are so fixed. I seriously question whether, she will be happy or make others so, if she remains among us.

From some things she says & does. I am constrained to think she is not entirely sane. She has repeatedly said to me, "You are crazy," "the old nick is in you," and at the same time declare that it was not so with her; - indeed she talks and acts like one somewhat bewildered or greatly disappointed. She is now with us and is in school. She seems disposed to hush up all she has said and done. And could we feel that something new would not break out; or that she would remain here One Year more, and labor faithfully we should feel some relief from what now distresses us. - Our trouble is, the unsettled state of our school -

She refuses to engage for any length of time, and claims the privilege to leave when she chooses. If Mrs Thompson had had health & strength for the School & her other duties, we, the school directors, should have felt it our duty, such being the state of public feeling about the instability of our school, to have continued Mrs Thompson in school, and allowed Miss Howe to have made such disposition of herself as best she could so far as our school was concerned; especially as she did not come out for Elder teacher as she says herself - & would not engage to remain.

I do wish Miss Lucy A Woodcock could be employed

to come out here. Not long since we received a letter from her and she says she would come. She was with her brother at Nelson Tioga Co. Penn. We replied to her letter since Miss Flower had expressed her dissatisfaction at remaining in Pa. and said to her to hold herself in readiness for us. We thought she would be wanted

If we could get suitable native teachers we would; but alas, alas, we must have help from home for the present at least or one of two things will be. 1st Mr. Thompsons health will utterly fail, with the burden of the School and his other duties or the school will fall to pieces both of which are results by no means to be desired —

Now dear brother what shall we do. We know it is painful for you to have such things written and painful for us to have to record them. & must more so, to have the account of them to write. — than than the matter for the present —

Remain
My dear brother
Yours in gospel bonds
L. Thompson

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Rev L. Thompson
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Address of Mrs. Lucy A. Woodcock
Nelson
Tioga Co. Penn.

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Eliot Station
March 16th 1873.

Rev. George Whipple

My dear brother.

My last letter to you contained the annual report of this station written last year. Perhaps ~~you~~ think I do not write as often as I ought, and I don't know as I do;- certainly I intend no neglect.

Before this you have heard of the safe arrival of the two teachers Mr. Briggs & Miss Howe- also the sudden and much lamented death of the former and the location of the latter at Eliot Station, ~~though with great~~ ~~but have notwithstanding he assent to such arrangement~~ ~~at Clarendon~~ When we learned that a female teacher was not only coming but had arrived, ~~we rejoiced much~~ ~~at Eliot we were glad~~ - The few weeks that Mrs. Thompson had had the school since Mrs. Moffat left it, were regarded as no burden to ~~them~~ and ~~when~~ an injurious to the people ~~[illegible]~~; and ~~when~~ you may well imagine our great disappointment when I had put into my hands, as Beaumont, a note from Miss Howe, a true copy of which I have given you.

Mr. Thompson

My dear sir

I do not know but you ~~may~~ be annoyed if I say, I am not going to stay in Jamaica. I do not know why I have been left to mistake the way as to come here but I can not stay. I am both homesick and heart sick at the thought of remaining. I do not know what you will think of such odd thoughts, but they are not new ones, if they are strange. Yours truly, Mary Howe

This was after she had been appointed and had made her first attempt at horse back riding from Oberlin to Beaumont a distance of 10 miles. - I was working on Beaumont Chapel seats at the time and Bro Richardson and I labored

kindly and faithfully to dissuade her from such a hasty and unwarrantable decision as it seemed to us, but all to no purpose. After running some two weeks at Brainard she finally concluded to come to Elist as the only alternative, because she wanted to. As an agent of the society I told her that she might take the school, but not let the cold come upon our school committee, as I would do nothing without their sanction. I wish to train them to business habits, and to assume responsibility. I would therefore do nothing without consulting them.

The directors gave her the school supposing of course she would comply with the regulations of our Voluntary School Ass'n. As known she declines doing, and throws herself back upon the society as the only body to whom she is responsible. We do not regard her as Elist teacher. And at a Meeting of the Mission at Golden Vale last week the brethren advised me and bro. Richardson to write you respecting her coming and to ask for another teacher for Elist school immediately —

My conviction is, that Miss Hume is not, and will not be a useful teacher among us — We are as an family and she has no union with us, as a Mission or with the society in N.Y. as an State Missionary organization — She likes independency, that is to do as she chooses & none to control her, — and the fact that she must be under some controll, as we all are as to another, greatly distresses her —

She says she has nothing against us as a family, or Elist school as a school — but against being obliged to build on another foundation. She wants to go among Chinese & begin anew a thing utterly impracticable — ~~I would not recommend the society in supporting her as under such circumstances~~

Out of our Mission she will do nothing. We have no field

such as she seems to offer her, and as she cannot be contented to remain here or in any of the Mission schools at the Stations. If she asks to be recalled - I do think it will be wisdom for the Society to do so - Surely we have had trouble enough about our teachers, and want no more - Miss Hoar's course has been such as to remind many one of Miss. Hunt; - and indeed we have often unconsciously called her Miss. Hunt. -

She seems to think you at the Society were not open in telling her just how she would be situated and here; Had you been, she says, "she would never have come to Pa. if she had kept in mind the reports from the East of the teachers experience situated" ~~Miss Blatchly & Mrs Hughes~~ was how that she would have, with us, more comforts than some other ~~as all our teachers are~~

~~If it was not for some of her peculiarities I should~~ I think she might make a good teacher but as her habits are so fixed I question whether "she will be happy or make others so if she remains among us.

From some things she says & what she does I am constrained to think she is not entirely sane - she has repeatedly said to me "You are crazy" ~~"that was crazy~~ - the old rock is in you" and all the same declare that ~~she~~ it was not so with him - indeed she talks & acts like somewhat bewildered or disappointed. She is now with us, & is in school. And seems disposed to hush up all she has said & done, and could we feel that something new would not break out, or that she would remain here ~~6 Months~~ one year & labor faithfully we should feel some relief from what now distresses us, in the unsettled state of our school -

She refuses to engage for any length of time and claims the privilege to ~~go away~~ leave when she chooses, & we of course cant say she must not - ~~that is as her friends Mrs Hughes & Miss Blatchly Under such circumstances, you will see~~

If Mrs Thompson had had health & strength for the school and her other duties, the school committee should have felt it duty, such being the state of public feeling about the instability of our school, to have continued Mr T. and allowed Miss Howe to made such disposition of herself as best she could inasmuch as she said she did not come out for this school & would not engage to remain here –

I do wish Miss Lucy A Woodcock could be employed to come out here – We have just received a letter from her and she says she would come. She was with her brother at Nelson Tioga Co. Penn –

We replied to her letter since. Miss Howe has expressed her dissatisfaction at coming to Pa. and said to her to hold herself in readiness for we thought she would be wanted. If we could get a matron teacher we would, but alas, alas, we must have help from home, or one of two things will be the result – Mrs Thompson's health will utterly fail with the ~~of~~ this school. Perhaps I ~~said~~ enough about our school at present.

I wish now to say a word or two concerning a school that might be established half way between this & Providence in a very populous district. A school of more than 100 children ought to be gathered there – If I had the sum of 200 dollars I could purchase an unfinished farm house & 5 or 6 acres of land & put the house in a suitable condition to have in the house is 27. by 17. and a portico 8 by 8. When bro. Kolcott comes he can tell you more about it –

I must now bid you adieu with much love to yourself & family, in which Mr Thompson joins

Truman

burdens of the school & her other duties the school will fall to pieces. – Yours in Christ's bonds

L Thompson

both of which are results, by no means to be desired. One of our directors said the other day that if the school was changing about so many teachers – the people would not take away their children –

Rev L Thompson 3/16/53

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Brainerd. Mar 17th 1858

Rev. Geo Whipple.

Dear Brother. I have reason to believe that you have been informed, ere this, by Miss Hove of her dissatisfaction with the Mission here, & the work assigned her - also with the Soc - at home - & above all, with herself, for ever having consented to come out here - If you are ignorant of these facts, I regret exceedingly that a sense of duty compels me to communicate such unwelcome tidings. But such has been sister Hove's course, & such is her present state of mind, & her attitude towards the members of the Mission generally, that we know not what to do or say respecting her. As she informs us that she has written to you "to learn her relations to the Mission &c", we have felt it our duty to lay before the Com - a plain statement of the facts in the case - After consultation among the breth - it has been thot advisable that Br Thompson & myself should undertake the task, as we have been more intimately acquainted with her - she having spent two weeks at Brainerd before going to Elliot. And if our writing you so soon after her arrival, should seem rash & premature, I trust you will bear in mind our peculiar circumstances - in view of the sad and trying scenes thro' which the Mission has recently passed - & let the dread of their recurrence be our plea for prompt & decided action in this case. During our first interview with Miss H - she did not conceal from us, her dissatisfaction

and disappointment at the prospect before her. She stated that she wished an isolated field, where she could labor independently - unfettered by the oversight & control of others. She was particularly anxious to be located in a "new field" (when it was all new to her) and said that she had been given to understand in New York, that she was to go to Golden Dale. It was painfully evident, I believe, to every one who conversed with her, that she had come to Jaro - with reluctance, & that her mind was full of misgivings & prejudices. Still, we hoped by kindness to gain her confidence, & flattered ourselves, that as she became interested in her work, these feelings would wear off. But she raised another difficulty that threatened to be serious. She declared positively, that "she couldn't ride on horseback," & it was of no use to try. Had she known that she should have been obliged to travel in that way, she never would have come. But there was no alternative. She must try, or give up the work. Well, after a deal of urging, coaxing & helping she did ride, & got as far as Brainerd. We felt proud of our success, & greatly encouraged. On the Sab. she was invited to take charge of Mrs Moffat's class of young women in the Sab. school, which she did. but afterwards expressed herself as being perfectly disgusted with them. She attended Chapel, half a day, & on her return, "wondered how I could preach to such a congregation - she couldn't bear to look at them." The same eve. she wrote a note to Br Thompson, saying in substance, that "she wondered how she could so far mistake the path of duty, as to come to Jaro & that she had decided not to remain here." We were filled with grief & surprise at such an announcement, & labored long & faithfully to convince her, that her decision was rash

and hasty - that it compromised not only the soundness of her judgement, but (if persevered in) would reflect seriously upon her christian character. We told her that after having decided to come here, & having put the Soc. to the trouble & expense of sending her out - for her now to reverse her decision, before having visited her field, or become acquainted with the work to be done - was not only premature, but wrong & wicked - She attempted to throw all the blame upon the Ex-Com. affirming that you had deceived her by misrepresentation &c - She remarked to Mrs Moffat, that the friends with whom she stopped in New York, had told her, she would be sorry that she ever had anything to do with the Miss Ass^n, & added that she was - She does not attempt to conceal the fact, that she has no confidence in those by whom she has been sent out. Her remarks on this point, have been so bitter & uncharitable, that we have felt bound to rebuke her. I told her plainly that I tho't her chief trouble was in her own heart, & that she had a work to do there, before she was prepared to labor anywhere. Br & Sister Moffat also labored faithfully with us, in trying to persuade her to a better mind - after two weeks of suspense she concluded to go to Eliot, as a sort of experiment, altho' she was frank to confess, that she had no heart for the work. Of her course since then, Br Thompson will inform you. And now, dear Br, what shall we do? We are willing to bear & forbear, so long as there is any reasonable hope of a change for the better. We need her labors very much - but how can she do any good, with her present feelings towards the Soc, the Mission & the people? I fear she lacks the spirit of a true hearted missionary & Reformer. She condemns anti slavery Missy organizations, & is not a

Teetotaller either in theory or practice. I must confess, we are greatly puzzled to acct for the fact of such a person having been sent out to labor among us - that the Com - were greatly deceived respecting her character & qualifications for this field there can be no doubt - We can labor with those, whose views & opinions differ in many respects from ours, if there is only one spirit & the same object, before us - But in this case, I am sorry to say, there seems to be no oneness of feeling - no common bond of sympathy or action - She wishes to act quite independently of the rest of the Mission & neither to be counseled nor controlled by us - She refuses to comply with such regulations as we have unanimously agreed upon for the better management of our schools - while the other Teachers sent out by the Soc -, have cheerfully acceded to, & highly approved of them - (And here let me add, that I believe you could not do a greater good, at so small a cost, than to send out another reinforcement of just such Teachers, if they can be obtained.) But I will dwell no longer on this painful subject - the joy, occasioned by the arrival of the Teachers last sent out, has been turned to sadness & sorrow - one is not, & the other has proved a trouble & burden, rather than a true yokefellow & helper - But altho' disappointed, we are not discouraged - and we trust the Com - will speedily supply their places, with those, who (if spared) will prove faithful helpmeets in our work - With christian salutations to all the dear Breth - composing the Com, & earnest prayer that they may ever have divine wisdom to guide them in their difficult & responsible work - I remain

Your Bro in the Gospel

A. M. Richardson

Rev. Chas. Hill Richardson
5/1/55

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Elmira March 17th 1853

Dear Mrs Hyde

I have at length returned to Elmira — but you will understand me when I tell you that my winter campaign has brought me more knowledge than money. I was at N.Y. to call at 48 Beekman St, I saw only Mr Harris he treated me coolly and perhaps he has a right to do so. Mr Whipple was not in then & I did not take the trouble to call again — I wished to see him — but did not. I was at Miss Gibbes she seems kind but I know not how deep her kindness is, I hope it is deeper than her personal interest. Now Mrs Hyde you know not how much I would like to see you — but I can not yet for a few weeks — fearing that you would leave Winsdale before I could do so I have written so that I might keep your whereabouts. How have you been and how do you do? I have received no reply to letters I have sent to Jamaica since my first — Do you think it possible that they have been intercepted? If they have been I am glad of it; if not — I shall be still gladder. Write to me and tell me all I want to know — When I get my business for the summer arranged I will try to see you. I need not tell you that I have met with the world be benevolent, but

really selfish this winter I have met with many who are learning the alphabet of experience & some who have made far better progress, but lets wait patiently the day is dawning. That will reveal what too long has been kept beneath the so called morality of the world. Now I do wish I could see you, My friends (they are not so) my acquaintances (neither are they so), but some who think they know me think me insane again. But they are mistaken for I am only deranged - and I now find that I was born so & treat the fact accordingly. Those who really know me do not consider me insane. It is only those who do not and never can know my inward self that consider me any thing more than common.

Have you heard from the Doctor or Mrs Evarts since you wrote me. But I will ask you none of these things - for I am sure you will tell me all you wish me to know. Freddy & Charles tells me all about them, & if you can tell me what you are going to do, I have not now the means of going to Ia but could I get it - you will hardly guess - how soon I would go there, But I am now trying to make arrangements for some permanent business that I or some one else can pursue. Write to me and if I can do any thing for you it shall be done

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Saturday — March 1911 — I am going out of
town this after noon to spend ~~some time~~ the sabath with a
cousin, I sat up ~~last~~ night with a sick woman & feel rather stupid, this morning & I dont feel much like writing a long letter till I hear from you I had hoped to hear from you when I returned yesterday while I was gone, but was disappointed. I think you told me in your last that you should leave up this spring if you do so ~~and~~ come this way — stop if possible so that I can see you. But before I see or hear from you again go to a publick house and send for me — & do not give your name to the messenger — ~~Tell~~ him that, a lady wishes to see me. I make this request that our interview may be without the restraint that curiosity will impose for there is a great curiosity in the minds of my family respecting the nature of our acquaintance which I am unable to gratify without misrepresenting others and being misunderstood myself. — Do not think my request is made to prevent expense to my self — you & will pay your expense at the publick house if necessary, but do not pass without letting me see you If you can let me know exactly if & when you you will be here I will meet you at the depot, — but you probably — then we shall be speculating — & I will stop, but — lets see each other as soon as we can

Mornina Hunt

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Hinsdale. Sabbath Evening.
March 19th. 1853.

My Deer Brother,

I take the earliest opportunity, since recieving yours of March 16th to answer your inquiries. It found me unusually busy in packing our goods preparatory to leaving Hinsdale. My Mother & one of my little boys have already gone, but I shall not probably be in Syracuse much before the 1st of May. I shall stay in Hinsdale, at my brothers, until the middle of Apr. The Proprietor of the "Onondaga Temperance House" in Syracuse is a relative of our family, & will be likely to know our place of residence, which is not yet decided upon.

The enclosed letters were recieved, this morning, from Miss Hunt. I take the liberty of forwarding them, for your perusal, hoping, that through them, you may get a clue to her present state of mind, that will aid you in your endeavors to benefit her. No doubt you are aware of the fact of her having been on a "Temperance Lecturing Tour" this winter. I am afraid that the excitement connected with it, has been too much for her, & judging from her letters, think she gives her friends ample grounds for their fears. I have the letters in my possession that Dr Hyde has written to her, & though it would be a trial to my feelings to do it, I would give you the reading of them, if it will serve the end you have in view. She has always stood in the relation of an adviser to me but I think I must give her my advice in this matter, at the risk of being called "interested, "jealous &c"

Last fall when I saw Miss Hunt, she seemed to have a pretty clear understanding of the state of mind of those in Ga but since she has been talking of going there, she at least, writes not as she talked. It seems to me, that the developements of her mind, though slow, are very similar, & tend to the same result that I have witnessed in Dr Hyde. It is a painful subject I feel a desire to benefit, where it is out of my power to do so.

Miss Hunt wrote me, (or told me) that you was the only one among her acquaintances, whose conversation, or letters made her weep. Do you wonder then that I hope from your influence &

If you succeed in finding the band I should prefer to have it remain at your rooms until I go to Syracuse, but I consider that store-room is not as abundant in N.Y. City as in Hinsdale, & if it will trouble you to remain I will make arrangements with my friends in Syracuse to receive it.

Your obliged friend, V. P. M. Hyde.

Mrs Hyde,
Hinsdale N.Y.
March 19/53

Frid Mr Parker
Superior Lafayette Ill.

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Eliot March 24th

Rev. W. Wiggle

Dear Sir, I wrote you in such a disconnected manner the other day, that I think you may either mistake my meaning, or else not understand me at all. And so I write again, trying to make myself understood. And yet I hardly know how or where to begin. I fear I will not make an explanation now, nor attempt one, I will only repeat what

what I said with reference to one point that of being subject to the entire control of the School Board connected with your gymnasium and had I not come in contact with its rules & regulations just as I have, I should perhaps like those who have preceded me call it very good, or had I been referred to it during the correspondence with you, or while in New York, I should not have so unreservedly blundered on to it.

I would like to ask both yourself & committee why you disposed of me in such a way without informing me

what the result would be if I refused to comply with its requisitions. Tell me say to you that had you disposed of my pick otherwise I should have been just as well satisfied as with the way you have disposed of me. Why did you not consult me before throwing me upon the mercy of such circumstances.

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I sought work of the Cong. chap. Assoc. not of its Gen. chap. or its Gen. chap. School Association. I was you said accepted by its Ex. Com. for the work. I am going to do the work just on the conditions I received the appointment as so other. (with your further consent,

I supposed of course that the schools were under the superintendence of the different missionaries of the different stations as I did not expect to have one independent of them. But this being subject entirely to their control even to exclusion from the cash is wide enough from what I had looked for. I came in school out first for a temporary season, I might say by Mr Thompson's permission even for a season.

Mr T. does not hesitate to say that the appointment is nothing while the conditions to which it is affixed are unfulfilled, he gives me liberty to go to any part of the island,

Miss Howe.
Jamaica in Mission.
Eliot / Mch 24/53.

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would have run away
from Jamaica long before
this had not the Visible sense
prevented. I am sure I do not
know what you will do with
me, I still belong to you.

I can give you a long list
of people who confined me
and I mean they shall either
fix me securely in the work or
else send me back the way
I came. So you see I mean
to be at your disposal (allowing
and to name the condition)
either the work remember in
your Jamaica Mission, or a
release to recall if you choose

I do not object to comply with the requisition of the S. Asso. because they are unreasonable but because I do not wish to be subject to its control. You can find those that are willing, others have been so.

I know the people at Flint will gladly receive any teacher sent them from your Asso. let the request be granted. I did expect to wish to remain at F. in my notes the other day. I have no wish about it. tho it would be a pleasure to know that I belonged to them (the people) & they to me.

There must be those who will gladly respond to their almost imploring call for a teacher

It is their most interesting feature a desire to be taught, and in this they seem peculiarly a people ready & prepared of the Lord for some one effectually for them.

A. McC. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
FISK UNIV.

I am out of place & unfortunate well understand me in some things I shall insist upon being at once released & removed.

It is but a few days since he said "We have nothing to do with you, we cannot employ you, nor can we send you back, we just leave you where you were when you come" It is for you to make this to come to the Com. chief office.

Yours truly
A. Howe

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO. FI-215D
FISK UNIV.

Syracuse Apr 3 / 53

My dear Bro Whipple

Can it be possible that Miss Hunt also is removed from that fatal spot? It does seem indeed that a curse is hanging about it. Oh, poor girl. I hope her sorrows are over, at best she is with a God who cannot do wrong.

I am wholly unable to read the providence that has taken her so soon after her desire seems to have been accomplished.

Mercy, either to the dead, or living, was no doubt, a motive in Gods mind. If you have any particulars of her death it would gratify me to hear them. A sense of Gods mercy & determination to do me good, in my deliverance from the hands of satan & wicked men, rise to overflowing as I review his dealings to me & others. "What shall I render to my God for all his kindness shown" — This theme has no end, but I will not weary you.

Accept my thanks for your kind remembrance of me amid your multiplied cares, & sight at this spot, let me thank you a thousand times, for the sympathising heart & hand you extended towards me on my return from Jam. The reviving influence of that morning chat upon my drooping spirits, I shall long remember. Can I ever forget the joy occasioned by a revived hope that perhaps God had

not entirely forsaken me. No, though I was blind he led me in a way I knew not, & did not, nor never will forsake me

Yours in christian love,

V. J. M. Hyde.

Rev Geo Whipple

Mrs. V. J. M. Hyde.
Syracuse. Oho 6/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2151
FISK UNIV.

Miss Institution
Kingston, Jamaica
4th April 1853

My dear Brother

I have much pleasure in introducing to your acquaintance & kind attentions the Revd J. W. Borland of Glasgow, who has been sojourning here for a few months for the benefit of his health. Mr. B. proposes returning home by the way of New York, and, as he will be an entire stranger there, will be glad to see a few persons of kindred spirit.

A short acquaintance with the man will be a better recommendation than any that I can give. Hoping that you may have the mutual pleasure of meeting

Remaining
Your affn
F. O. Beaudesle

Revd Geo. Whipple

S. O. Beardslee
Kingston
Jamaica
April 4 1858

A. M. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2152
FISK UNIV.

Bonsall

Golden Vale Iowa Apr 12th 1883

My Dear Mr Whipple

In my last letter to Mr Warner I wrote that I had been for several weeks, & was then, sick from Lagrippe & fever. But I am now happy to say that my wonted health seems to be fully restored, except perhaps I have not yet attained my usual strength. In this respect however I am rapidly improving. For that indeed I have great occasion to be thankful to the kind hand that has thus raised me up from my sickness. May this restored health & strength be devoted to the Master. There was a time when it seemed quite probable that I should go home for a season to recruit my health. My physician strongly advised this course, as a change for the better was not soon to be expected. But long after this season I began slowly to recover & have continued so to do ever since. As soon as I acquired a little strength Mrs O & myself went to Kingston for a change of atmosphere which is very considerable. And we think that the journey & stay there was of great benefit to me.

When it was reported that there was some prospect that we might have the Mission a great excitement was created among the heathen. They would often say "Ai pray Massa to spare your life that you be minister for ici". "We well nee to you now and we will satisfy (strongly desire) to have you stay". &c &c.

One man said in one of our meetings that "the people in the mountains were all wild and that Minister had just got them in the pasture, and got the gate shut. And now if he did away the gate will get open & the beasts them will run into again". Even when I left for Kingston it was quite uncertain how our affairs were to be settled or which way would turn. And the prospects appeared quite dark at

Such indications are in themselves pleasing and perhaps in a certain degree encouraging. And yet it is an encouragement that must be taken with a good degree of caution. Men may and often do have an interest that is purely selfish in having a Christian ministry among them. There are but too often motives of a class that cause to fall little appreciated by the churches at home. I have learned to place but a small reliance on expressions that we often hear from good men, when it is said that "Ethiopia is stretching forth her hands to God" "India is raising her voice for the gospel" et cetera. They may "stretch out their hands" & "raise their voices" for what they call the gospel but when the left denying religion of Christ to heathens they will turn away with disappointment & hatred in their hearts. Those who sincerely embrace the gospel will stretch out their hands for it and raise up their voices for its heralds to come. There are some here who I believe sincerely desire the gospel of Christ to be preached to them. We hope soon to form a church of a few whom we trust savingly know Christ.

There are several others who ~~[illegible]~~ think they desire to be Christians, but when they see that to become a Christian involves the sacrifice of worldly pleasures, & hopes & lusts they know not how to make that sacrifice. In view of the d[illegible] O the depths of Satans dominion! - [illegible] to their condition. And it is just as difficult [illegible] miserable & besotted slave to his lusts from his wretched condition to God, as it is the gentlest sinner of Christian lands. Well this is true and still the half is not told. I have an example in one direction. I today rode out among the people & among others conversed with a lad about 16 years of age. I said to him "What is your name?" Patrick was the reply. "Have you no other name?" "No Sir." "Well who made this great world for you on?" "Me do - no.!" - Don't you know who made these mountains & every thing you see?" "No" Do you know who any people are that lay the body in the ground with a coffin or again? [illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2153
FISK UNIV.

Edinburgh April 14-73

Rev Mr Whipple

I fear that in attempting to write to you I shal convey a false impression with regards to my self & my own state in reference to which you so kindly inquire. But I will state what I think which I trust is all you wish me to do: "Have I yet found rest in God". No and in nothing else I do not imagine that he prescribes for me as a Physician or regards me as a child for if he did would I be left to my own despairing madening thoughts at times and then again be conscious of the presence of an inward monitor and an outward shield At times my mind is clad with spontaneous gladness and quietude then with darkness of despair & filled with indignant complainings. I make these statements so as to let you know why I come to the above conclusion. When my spirit is unencumbered by

Miss. V. Hunt. Elmira N.Y.
April 14/53

the manner in which Mr Warner received me & denied myself the privilege of my remaining in town for several days — I had much to say to you that I can not now say — & perhaps I could have given you a much more correct impression of my own thoughts and feelings — & am very sure I should have better — comprehended you than I now do — For I can hardly think it possible that you should encourage me to trust in Christ and pray to God if you fully — understood me & comprehended my case as it really is But I will trouble you no further & must remain — as greatly obliged as ever

Yours Truly

Mermia Hunter

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2154
FISK UNIV.

Canton April 20 1865

[illegible]

[illegible] I received the message in
[illegible] room [illegible] the very day that I
wrote you last which ~~[illegible]~~ conveyed the
strongest wish from Mrs Evarts and Dr Hyde
that I should come there. I do not hesitate
to express to you my desire to comply if
circumstances seem to enable me to do so
I do not expect that you will coincide — but
had you the same view of matters that I have
you could not object. Mrs Hyde passed through
& left here this morning for Syracuse
where she expects to reside. How strange that
her confidence upon — affection remains
unshaken in the individual whose course
has so sadly affected her. I think that if
Dr Hyde's mind ~~could be~~ should be arrested in its
monotonous action and allowed to recuperate
it would involuntarily restore him to his former
self. But Mrs Evarts & Sister are poor, sorely
bereaved women, & while there is room for a
drop of human sympathy that drop belongs to them

If you will present the enclosed order
Mr Barnard & send the amount to me
by mail — you will oblige me much
I have to write for me if you have
the time to do so — I tell me plainly — all
you think of me — and do not fear for
me — the influence of a recommend for
I feel that this alone will save me
rest — what — had my reflection
so hasty — Yours truly —

Mr Hewitt!

P.S. If you do not wish to present the
Mr Barnard order for me please to return it
and I will send it by express —

W. H.

W. Hewitt,
Elmira, N.Y.
March, 1853.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2155
FISK UNIV.

01. To Mr. Wolcott.

Mr Wolcott

Dear Sir

I have a small box of things I want to send to Mrs Cobb (city) by express please inform me whether you would take it if the freight were paid.

I received most (to the inquiry) from you whether I wanted to draw from you any part of my salary. I am obliged to you but as I supposed we are not responsible for your salary, what can we hire you. As I did not inform me that you sent me any word with reference to my salary, nor would he be like to. But at present receiving salary is my least concern

but when you get to have both pleasure and make haste to be shipped for I want to be released from my present dependent position in all things.

And with best wishes for christmas I remain truly Yours

L. Brown

Elliott Church under

Appt. 25th

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. S. Wolcott
Hartford

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2156
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage April 26th 1853

Miss M. Howe

Your note by Mr. Livingston is duly received. I can take charge of the box which you wish to send to N.Y. if the vessel carrying us will receive it. We are to be in Kingston ready to sail on monday May 2d — We shall hope to tarry a few days in town —

I dont know that I quite apprehend the import of what you say respecting your salary. It seems there may be a little misapprehension between you and Mr Thompson, on the part of one or both of you. Or a note to Mr. T. I simply intended to inquire what you expected or wished from me, in regard to your salary, before I left for N.Y. If Mr. Thompson's language which you quote has reference to himself & other members of the Eliot school Committee, which I conceive to be quite probable, it may be strictly true. Of course that committee cannot be responsible for your salary as an agent of the Am. M. A.S. nor hire you as Eliot teacher without your consent. If Mr. T's language has reference to the mission it is not true, except in a special and limited sense.

As treasurer of the mission and acknowledged by the A.M.A.S. I regard myself (not the mission except by me as its agent) to be responsible to each and every agent

agent of the American Missionary Association in connection with this mission for all just & authorised claims on the said Association. Certainly the Treas. of the Mission is authorised and responsible to pay the salaries of every member of the Mission.

I take it for granted that every person sent here by the A. M. A. as its Missionary, is a member of that Association & Jamaica Mission, unless notified to the contrary. If Miss Howe does not sustain such relations, somebody must be guilty of culpable neglect in not making me acquainted with the fact before this. I have indeed, as yet received no direct official notice of your appointment by the A. M. A. to this mission, but I have such evidence of the fact as I think justifies me in treating you as any other member of the mission in payment of salary. I should need to know at sometime, when your salary commenced and the annual amount, but would not demand it as a condition of an individual payment. Of course I would not be understood to say that any person must receive salary from me, but simply that it is his privilege of which he may of right avail himself.

I have been thus explicit that if you should by any means have gained any misapprehension, you may not fail to perceive what I regard my relation to you, to the mission, and to the A. M. Asst. I wish you to feel at perfect liberty, so far as I am concerned to present to me any claims you may have on the

A. M. A. for salary or otherwise, with the assurance that they will receive my cheerful attention.

You will apprehend me when I say I do not wish to leave the mission with the claims of any one unattended to. This may lead me in a given case to anticipate — but you will not blame me — —

I do not fully understand the nature of the request you make of me in the conclusion of your note; but as I suppose it is none of my business it would not be civil for me to ask an explanation

I will try and do the errand

I am sorry to suspect there is anything unpleasant in your circumstances,

If I could make it consistent for me to do so I would make a special call to see you

With kind regards

I am Yours Truly

Seth T. Wolcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. T. Holcott.
Jamaica.
to Miss Hope.
April 26 1853.

American Missionary Association in a/c with Jamaica Mission

1853		Dr	
Nov.	To balance due Treas. of Miss'n as per a/c rendered to Aug 31st $278.93		
"	" A. Moffat's order, for money recd & pd by G. M. A. to D. Blakely of Iowa and charged to mission 10.00	88	93
	Contra	Cr	—
"	By S. T. Wolcott's order of may 23d on S. T. in favor of G. Whipple	25	00
"	" Cash, Donation by E Storrs, N. H.	5	00
"	" " " Plymouth church N. H.	6	87
"	" Draft on A. Tappan by S. T. Wolcott in favor of G. Whipple for cash recd July 12th	30	00
"	" Collection at Grand Rapids, Mich.	4	50
"	" " Strongville, Ohio	11	81
"	" Donation by E. A Housted Elyria, Ohio	5	00
"	" Cash by Mr. Ward, Nov 17	10	00
		98	18
	Debtor		
"	To travelling expenses to Worcester for S. T. Wolcott	5	00
"	" Portarage, Lodgings, Dinners &c for Miss Woodrock	1	23
		6	23
	Balance due the Amer. Miss Ass'n to Aug. 31st	3	02

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I put the above in this form, to correspond with my accounts already in the hands of Mr. Whipple.

For other items which <u>might</u> have been included see next page. The first portion, as will be seen, I selected and copied from Mr. Ward's books.

S. T. W.

1853		Dr	
Sept.	To P. M. Way, Salary 1 qr. to Nov 30th	$112	50
"	" Charles Syms $30. H. B. Hall 100, Maria Hicks 40,	170	00
"	" L. Thompson 100 Mary Dean 60, A. D. Olds 100	260	00
"	" A. M. Richardson 100, A. Moffat 75, S. J. Wolcott 100	275	00
"	" C. B. Venning 75, Mary Dean 40,	115	00
"	" Margaret Stuart, balance due for teaching at Golden Vale	40	00
"	" Mr. Bell, teacher at Hope Bay, - Donation by Mission	24	00
Nov.	" Room Rent in Kingston, 7 months	33	60
"	" A. M. Richardson's draft in July for extra appro.ns -	450	00
		1480	10
1854			
Jan	" P. M. Way. Salary 1 qr. to Feb 28 - per new arrangement by vote of Ex Com	125	00
"	" A. M. Richardson $125, L. Thompson 112,50 A.D. Olds 112,50	350	00
"	" H. B. Hall 112,50 - Maria Hicks 45, Mary Dean 50,	207	50
"	" C. B. Venning 100. S. J. Wolcott 100 A. Moffat 84.35	284	35
"	" Charles Syms, Balance for teaching up to April (pd in advance)	44	20
"	" A. B. Hills, from 1st Jan. 2 months 56,25 Margaret Stuart for teaching at Rock River 23 weeks, to April 1st 11/ per week $5,50 $11-10	111	45
"	" Miss L. A. Woodcock 2 months teaching to Feb 28th	30	00
"	" " " Traveling expenses in America	13	13
"	" Freight on goods for A. B. Hills	6	13
"	" Lawrence, Daguerreotypes for missionaries	6	50
"	" Passages of Mr. & Mrs. Hills, & Miss Woodcock to Jamaica	105	00
"	" Expenses on a/c of Mr. & Mrs Hills & Miss Woodcock for freight, Duties,		
"	" traveling expenses &c. &c. after leaving N.Y. to 1st of Jan.	57	52
"	" Rate of Exchange on drafts, A. M. Richardson's of Sept/53 - $450,		
"	" S. J. Wolcott's of Dec. & Jan. 1050 - at 2 per cent	30	00
		1370	78
March	" P. M. Way, salary 1 qr. to May 31 - $125, A. D. Olds 112,50,		
"	" A. M. Richardson 125, L. Thompson 112,50	475	00
"	" H. B. Hall 112,50 M. Hicks 45, M. Dean 50,	207	50
"	" C. B. Venning 100, S. J. Wolcott 100, A. Moffat 84,35	284	35
"	" A. B. Hills 84,35. Miss L. A. Woodcock 45, -	129	35
"	" Rate of Exchange on draft of March 14 for $825,$ - 2 per cent	16	50
"	" Appropriation for buildings, applied to Mt. Patience, Belgar, & Rock River	400	00
"	" Appr.n for purchase of land at Oberlin	50	00
"	" Balance on Rent of Rooms in town to 1st Jan	7	20
		1569	90
	Whole Amt. from 1st Sept. to 31st of May	4420	78

I omit in the above, to be charged to general a/c of Mission Appr.n to Miss Woodcock for outfit - And to Mr. & Mrs Hills to cover that was intended to be met by such appropriation. The parties do not know wh

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2157
FISK UNIV.

1853		Cr	
May 6	By 10 Copies. N.Y. Tribune – as per books of A. M. A.	$ 10	00
July 13	" Cash pd. for "Child's Paper" for L. Thompson	4	50
"	" Richardson's draft for amt of appropriation extra	450	00
Aug.	" Cash pd for Mary Dean	20	00
Oct 21	" A. M. Richardson's draft – for Salaries –	450	00
Nov 1	" Miss Woodcock, traveling expenses	2	25
5	" Freight on 2 Bbl Apples	2	32
"	" Clark, Porter &c. for Miss Woodcock		81
" 19	" Richardson's draft in favor of S. T. Wolcott	200	00
16	" Miss L. A. Woodcock, trav'g Expenses	10	00
18	" S. T. Wolcott on a/c of Salary	100	00
"	" Freight & cartage on Box goods for L. Thompson	1	99
23	" Freight on goods for A. B. Hills	6	13
"	" Lawrence. Daguerreotypes	6	50
	Sundry Bills		
"	" J. W. Mason – Chairs	32	00
"	" John Wilson Rocking Horse for P. M. Way	2	00
"	" A. McPherson. Stoves & furniture $57,09 – 10 per cent off	51	39
"	" Shepard. Books	37	48
"	" S. T. Wolcott's draft, favor of J. C. Beardslee to Fowler & Hills	74	24
"	" Conduct, Horton & Co. Saddlery	58	39
"	" " " " For A. B. Hills	20	25
"	" Halstead, Haynes & Co. Dry Goods 52,18 & 8,95	61	13
"	" Corning & Co. Hardware for A. B. Hills	41	79
"	" Balance on a/c brot forward from a/c to Aug. 31st	3	02
Dec. 22	" S. T. Wolcott's drafts in favor of Dr. Barrett	650	00
1854 Jan 12	" " " " " For Repairs	400	00
"	" 1 Bbl Beans 7,31. Saleratus 10,81 – Bbl. Crackers 4,97	23	09
"	" Passages of Mr. Hills, Wolcott & others from N.Y. to Jamaica	175	00
Feb 11	" J. E. Bayn. Bill of furniture for A. B. Hills	30	37
"	" Receipts from Congregations – Brainerd, for School $39.60		
"	" Brainerd, for Minister 105.63. Eliot 82,44 Devon Pen 24,43 –		
"	" Chesterfield 32.10. Hermitage 14,40. Providence 30,96		
"	" Brandon Hill 25,68	355	24
March 14	" S. T. Wolcott's drafts in favor of Dr Barrett	825	00
" 25	" Mr Guffy's Receipts per Schooner Bonita	10	80
		4115	69

I omit in the above 4 Boxes Soda Biscuit, till I receive the bill from you; and probably some other items

S. T. W.

r traveling expenses to N.Y. and outfit, but I have Cr. the bills, a part of which now what the Com. designed in this. Please inform me. S. T. Wolcott

My charge for expenses on a/c of Mr. Hills & Miss W. seems large. I have looked carefully over the items the second time to see if I could not deduct something but I find it impossible without injustice to myself — The charge of $24, to Mr. Bell, appropriated by vote of the mission, I find in Mr. H.'s a/c for Sept qr. and I let it stand. I do not know what the breth. intended or whether Bro. B. ever communicated the subject to bro. Whipple. I have not that to inquire when I have had opportunity. If it is not right I will try to right it. The land at Oberlin is purchased & bro. Way paid the $150, appropriated. This does not cover the expense, as there was more land than was expected. I dont recollect just the balance. I think however, I shall not trouble the Com. farther with it. —

Rev. J. T. Pratt
Accounts.
Rec'd April 2/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2158
FISK UNIV.

Revd. G. Whipple.

My dear brother,

As Mr Walcott is about returning to our loved country, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass, without sending you a line, to tell of my welfare & labors. My school is in a very prosperous condition as regards numbers, & there are flattering prospects that it will be greatly augmented in this particular, I am greatly attached to the "picks"; some of them learn very well, especially Geography, and the studies where memory is the chief faculty employed, In fact they do almost as well as could be expected, considering the baneful influences exerted over, the most of them, out of school. —

The new School House is to me quite a matter of interest, Indeed I think I fully appreciate Mary Lyons feelings, respecting the

building of Mount Ebalgoke Sem=inary. Mr Ball works on it five days in the week besides attending to his pastoral & missionary duties. The roof is partly on, and the floor partly laid. We hope it will be ready for use by July or August. The people are rather dilatory about doing their share towards its completion, tho. they acknowledge the desirableness of the thing. On Sabbath days I have the charge of the Infant Class - (I always refer the little ones) about 30 in number. It is really interesting, they listen with such eager attention. The some trials peculiar to a missionary life have been mine, yet I too have experien=ced some of the peculiar joys attendant upon that situation. I dont think I mistook my calling when I came, tho I could not advise another to come so young, unless indeed a Mary Dean were to be her adopted

mother, sister, and every other re-
lation, In school and out of
school, all things are held
subservient to imparting a
knowledge of God's will, & our
duty to him, & if I can through
the Divine blessing set but one
jewel in the Saviour's crown I
shall be most amply rewarded.
Altho, I love my work, & my
children, yet if I can carry out
my original plan of going to
Mt Holyoke Sem. I still think it
best that I should return in
two years from the time I left,
unless the Association make
serious objections. Do you think
they will? How sad the death
of Mr Briggs so soon after his
arrival. He doubtless needed no
missionary discipline to fit him
for "the better land." And how
very trying the strong conduct
and morally wrong spirit of Miss
Howe, since hearing of her (I have
not yet seen her) I have tried

Miss Marie Hicks.

April 28. 1853.

more manner to live in such a manner, and cultivate such a spirit as shall not cause the Mission trouble, nor the Soc. at home regret that they sent me, — We have heard of a certain good letter from you, but have not seen it as yet, We hope however it will reach Providence, Providence permitting, soon. I am writing in great haste, so you will throw the mantle of christian charity over this. I should most highly prize a letter from you but so long as other duties press upon you, dare not be too importunate. Please tell Mr Tappan that I shall remember him long after he forgets me, Mr & Mr Hall join in kind love,

I remain.

Your very affectionately

Mary A. Hicks

Mission House
Providence Station
April 28th 1853.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Corning Apr 28th 1853

Rev Geo Whipple

Sir. I am informed by my brother wife Mrs Bestater Hyde that you have a parcel from my Br John at Jamaica for me.
If so I wish you would do it up safe & send it to me at Corning by Express
If there is any charge for transportation from Jamaica to New York please send your bill in a letter & I will forward the amount to you
I wish you would do up the package safe. Respectfully yours

Edwin E Hyde

Send to Corning Steuben Co N Y

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2159
FISK UNIV.

E. P. Hyde
Corning N.Y.
April 28/53
Bundle sent 4/29

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2168
FISK UNIV.

Chesterfield May 2 /59

Brother Jasper

I dont know whether or not I should quote Nathans words to David to you but I feel like saying to somebody in N. Y. Thou art the man. I know it does not look very amiable for young ladies to be always finding fault, but when patience has had her perfect work suppose she must rest a little, & mean time I will tell you what I think about teals among false brethren & sisters. And first the case of Miss Tove Those that are the most acquainted with her (& some of our best brethren) are very

much tried with her strange views & conduct, & it is strongly questioned whether she holds to sound doctrine.

If the committee could see our work here they would compassionate us & assiduously avoid exporting more & worse material for us to exhaust our energies on.

That such a person should be boarded so long & expensively in the city, & no one pay her a visit to ascertain her merit or demerit looks a little strange. ("Spose they means well but they cant be expected to calluscitate the great principles of action")

Some of us have always been working & practickle people & when we get yoked up with city ministers & doctes who has been living on theory for a life time, one party bawks, & as for work you might as well set me to making ladies fancy silk bonnets when I hate above all things to touch a ribbon.

Missionaries need to be amphibious & able to live in two elements equally well, for the moral atmosphere here & at home is as different as air & water. To speak plain I am sorry you let us have our own way out here, for the way is selling tobacco & if you can send us some of those premiums tracts on tobacco please do. I think Mrs Way almost an angel & little Jimmie

quite. & I could name a goodly number of the brethren & sisters here that are almost as good as they can be. And when any gets in the flock worse than I am think they should be expelled forth with. If I did not think slavery the sin of sins & the quintessence of all evil I should sometimes be tempted to go over to the American Board for I know they use every precaution against impostors. If the beam is in my eye "please tell me, for I am honest in thinking I see a mote in some body's eye 1500 miles distant. Cannot some wise head & good heart invent a plan to remedy all these evils that we good people have to suffer. Your inquiring sister

Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2161
FISK UNIV.

Syracuse, May 2, 1853

My Dear Brother.

I learn with deep regret that your friend, Mrs Finney, has left Syracuse. I am sorry, for I think the counsels of an experienced heart might aid in the dissipation of the darkness & perplexities that still torture my mind. It recently seemed to me that God would take all other dependencies from me, that I might find wisdom in him alone. I care not through whom or what, if I may but learn the will of God & have a heart to follow it.

I called at Elmira last week & had a conversation with Miss Hunt. She is a mystery to me. I think however that her own conclusion is a correct one, that she is "deranged though not insane." She seems to be conscious of a deranged state of mind, though doubts not her capability of judging between right & wrong, either for herself or others.

Her mind is made up to go to Jamaica if possible. Mr Evarts has sent her an order upon Mr Warned for the residue of the arrow-root money, to assist her in going. She cannot go at present for she cannot command the means. Her relatives have no forbearance with her peculiarities, & the charge of "oddness" is mutual. She imagines that she is not understood by her friends & that in Jamaica she would be appreciated. She fancies that through her influence a revolution would take

place among those to whom she goes.

Her discernment of persons & things seems to me remarkable. She said that in your letter to her you did not allude to her going, but she knew that to be the influencing motive for your writing, & that she believed some one had communicated to you her plans in going.

She told me that Mrs Sears inquired about my place of residence, & sent a message to me, about some things. but what about them she had forgotten entirely. I think she may know something of the missing barrel. The marks or the direction on it, I know nothing about, & suppose Dr Barnett only does know. Unless Mrs Sears has a knowledge of it, I have no hope of recovering it. Could you ascertain if she has without much trouble? I accuse myself of selfishness in troubling you so much for so small an affair. I hope you will soon be relieved from it.

Miss Hunt has recently received a letter from Dr Hyde, in which he repeats his invitation to her to go to Jamaica.

She knows not how my heart aches while reading them. I think she has a clear discernment of his state of mind, but think she over-rates her influencing abilities when she thinks to correct it. I wish she might most certainly.

I cautiously expressed my fears that she herself would be converted to the same belief & practices. She had none, thought she saw the truth too clearly. She does not wish it known that she thinks of going, fearing that her friends will resort to force to detain her. I think persuasion, not force is the best adapted to her excited mind

Most truly

Yours —

V. S. M. Hyde

Mrs V. S. M. Hyde
Syracuse
Oct 1/57

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Oberlin May 3d 1838

Dear Brother Wolcott-

I regret very much my inability to see you again, before you sail for New York- but a sudden & severe attack of fever, has reduced me quite low, & altho' my symptoms, at present, are rather more favorable, yet I regard it as quite doubtful whether I shall be able to regain my health, so as to labor efficiently in this climate again- I wish you therefore to say to the Committee in New York, that, unless my health should be better, if I recover from this attack, than it was previously, I shall be under the painful necessity of requesting them to recall me, & obtain some one to supply my place as soon as possible- Should my health allow it, I shall still gladly remain & labor for the elevation & salvation of the degraded people of this Island- But my present conviction is, that this climate does not agree with my constitution, & that for me to remain here much longer, would be to sacrifice health, if not life itself- I need scarcely add, that I have been forced, quite reluctantly, to come

Rev. J. M. Mary
To Rev. D. J. Malcolm.
May 3/53.

Q. Com.

to this conclusion, & shall heartily rejoice, if the result shall prove otherwise, than I now anticipate. a few weeks will probably determine the matter. Watson, my adopted son, has as you know, just fallen a victim to the yellow fever—

I will only add, that amidst clouds & darkness our hope in God is firm & unshaken—

I write this by the hand of another—

The Lord go with & preserve you!

Your aff. Brother

P. M. Way

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Rev. J. Thompson
May 9/83

Elim Station
May 9th 1883.

Rev. George Whipple
My dear brother

Your favor of the 2d of April came late Saturday evening. We are glad even we to receive even a few lines from you again, also to get some more papers. We have received nothing from the Mission Rooms since Feb. We suppose they have been sent, and lost at Sea. The Apl. number of the A. M. is now received, but the March number we have none of us seen. We receive only one Independent whereas 8 or 10 are due, and only 2 tribunes & 2 Inter Ocean Journal, March & April. I will now reply to some suggestions in your letter about Miss Hare. Before this you have received letters from myself & Mrs Richardson expressing the course Miss Hare has pursued and our convictions of her as a Missionary laborer. It is painful to us. I regretted exceedingly that circumstances made it my duty to say any things. Could I have avoided, in justice to all parties, the unpleasant work, I should have done so. Several weeks have elapsed since the date of that letter and yet my convictions as there expressed still remain.

You say your convictions of her usefulness on the experience she has had in teaching at a Mission Station, so did we, and were the more surprised when we found that a person of her age & experience seemed to know so little of what properly constitutes Missionary work, and possessed so few qualities calculated to make herself happy, and render others so to many others whom she might be called to labor. She has some excellent qualities as a teacher, qualities I highly prize, and I heartily wish she possessed other qualities, so essential to a Missionary.

With regard to Elizabeth being a field wide enough. I apprehend no trouble on this point. She has now more to do than She can well do. The school about us, have all closed were the parish school and our school is full - I shall do all I wisely can do to increase the number. If we had a teacher that we could depend on as our teacher and to commune with us. I could do more than I now can do and not place myself before the people in such a light that they will loose confidence in me that what I recommend is is good & wise

Your suspicion that I will not easily get acquainted with things I know is true. - Some things stand right out every body can read them but other things you are constantly led to say & feel "All is dark - dont know" She council with no one but Acts and in some things necessarily involves others. She told me, one time, when I was telling him of this trait in her, that she regarded it weakness to counsel

I have endeavored & still will endeavor to make her stay in J.C. a pleasant one, though I confess my hope in being able to do so is very small.

You have heard, ere this, no doubt that she objects now to labor under the guidance of any but the Society in N.Y. It is well known that our schools are under the direction of our Voluntary School Association. An organization she ridicules & calls a humbug. - We all regard the organization as doing more for the Cause of Education than we could possibly do in any other way - And for one I am unwilling to give it up. And yet to have a teacher opposed to it is very unpleasant, to say the least, you trying.

I regret to learn there has been some difficulty with the Office of the G. M. G. He had direct -

If she could give any good reasons for her objections, I would not mind. But no, she can only say "I won't submit to it."

She has ~~taken~~ a school by herself. ~~as Mrs~~

Dean has, - just such a school we shall have, I hope, at Rock River - (But hotcott will tell you) yet I could by no means recommend her to have the care of it. ~~She~~ is a mere child in domestic affairs. Must be waited on to every thing and would not be satisfied with such arrangements ~~as we make~~ - besides she seems to have such a nervous temperament that the slightest annoyance, greatly disturbs her, - The sight of a lizard for instance will make ~~her scream~~ outright, - an animal with which we are constantly surrounded. If it were not for her strong coffee I do not ~~believe~~ ~~she~~ wonder she able to do much or keep strong yet she will hover and says she cant do without it. In short is a slave to the use of it, as I tell her.

Now dear brother, do not think me fault finding and disposed to make you other trouble. No, far from this, my heart recoils from such a work - We can endure a great deal of personal annoyance for a time if the greater good requires it, and others are made better by it. But when no hope is left of a change in those unpleasant things, then I think it is duty to speak. - She (Mrs H.) has her trials, she feels them & we feel for her, but her trials are of her own forgiving & can only be borne by her -

I had intended to have given you some account of the dealings of God with our Church & people, but time now fails as the messenger is waiting. This I will do at another time.

I now close wishing grace mercy & peace from God the Father & the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen --

Yours faithfully

L. Thompson

Dear me to Jenny tell her I am glad for her left the office of the A. M. C. The last dinner -

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Brainerd May 11th Last evening I came over here on some business & have found the balance of my papers & the March Number of the A. M. — All right — Bro. Richardson has just received your two letters to him, & will in due time answer them. We are very grateful for the generous gift of the sum of $450.00. We shall call a Meeting of the Mission when we shall take action on it & forward to you the results. For some time very much surprised to see the resolutions appropriating that amount to Jn Mission. Be assured we shall make as faithful a use of the money as we can —

In one of your letters to Bro Richardson you intimate that some female teachers have offered themselves for Oberlin Mission & that perhaps some might be induced to come to Jn. — We shall be glad of them, especially if we must open at Elim, as Mr Stone is fully determined not to stay any longer than she feels obliged to, and we do not desire to remain, unless she can be happy. Besides Bro Richardson wants a female teacher at Bull Fox, an outstation of his, & I prance school to Mount Pleasant. —

Whenever you send, send those who have their own way to make, and about matters they know but little or nothing. Persons who are willing to go anywhere & do any thing that may be thought best, — and be happy in their work. May the Lord guide the Ex Com in this matter. — We sympathize with you in this perplexity. Bro Pickett will tell you more about us than we can write. In haste —

Yours in love —

L. T.

P.S. We are glad to hear that you are going to collect a private Cabinet. We will send you some of Jn Curiosities. You may appropriate to your private use any thing in the bottle of insects designed to the Missionary Society. I gave them away to you. Say to you can have them.

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Elliott Ship Station
May 17, 1908

Rev. S. Whipple
Care Sec. Am. Mis. Assn.

Dear Sir. Your favor of Apr. 1st was very welcome.

I am glad that you thought to enquire "How do you like your island home?" I have almost a wish that I could cause these fair scenes to pass before you, that you might see what an "isle of beauty" I have for a "home."

I almost seem to have opened my eyes upon another new & beautiful creation. You see so <u>little</u> world, but <u>full</u> of beautiful things. (Come & see if it is not so, do!)

Come & see if it is not true that there is a mysterious beauty in these verdant lofty (sometimes cloud capped) mountains.

A meaning in this commingling of the earthly & the heavenly, not to be interpreted by words.

There are no flowers & leaves of curious shapes & shades, and birds of sweet song & insects of brilliant dye are on the wing but then, there is no winter here. The air of this little Paradise is (perhaps) like that which was breathed in the Paradise of old. Do you believe me? For all this, could you ask me to leave my "home" of beauty without giving me something in exchange? I would give

give you, even up to you
in hope you would give me
part of Africa, & that part too,
which I gave up for your sake.

But could I find a more
confiding, teachable people than
I have found here? It is true that
they are, as a people, robbed & spoiled,
& there is nothing attractive or
interesting in them as a people,
but they are so docile, so ready
to be taught, & their need so great
that it is pleasant to take a very
low seat (just such a one, as
I now have) to be their teacher.
Only they wait for the law
& shall they not receive it?

Yours most truly
M. Lane

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Miss M. Howe
Eliot Sem.
Aug 14/53.

Oberlin May 20/53

A. ARCHIVES
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Dear Bro. Whipple -

Your kind letter rec^d soon after Bro. Wolcott sailed - thank you - As it respects our school, it has averaged about 40 scholars, during the last 2 yrs. It ought to be twice that number as we have but one school within 5 miles - I suppose Br. W. will give you the desired information - My health is still good - Wife & child have both been & child is still very sick with fever - were taken down the 2nd day after I ventured to leave my room - I see so-

reason to alter the request
sent by Bro. Wolcott —
I feel deeply for this degraded
people & would willingly join
& labour with them if life
& health were continued — but
I have little hope of enjoying
either long here — Our church
is in a tolerable healthy
state — but some deep pants
lately have made me sick
at heart — I hardly dare
trust myself to write them

some that we supposed
were almost above suspicion
have made themselves more
vile, by the sin of the people,
Licentiousness — I am
more than ever convinced that
our hope is with the younger
& very different arrangements, in
my opinion, ought to be
made to keep them
from the vices that surround
them — so better anything
can be done in the way
of getting up a family, of

of these most promising children
I can hardly say - but
what can be expected from
6 hours teaching to read & write &c
& all the rest of the time
the children under influences
that would, almost, corrupt
an angel? — I suppose
Br W. will represent the
matter & there is no need
of my obtruding my views on
the committee - My best
Christian regard to yourself & the
committee I am yours truly P. M. Way

Jamaica Mission. May 20/53. Present. D.D.J.
J.C.B. & H.W.. Statement of Roberts.
Missions can not be self supporting.
Contributions falling off.
One of His own Cong.
Laborers, labor from 12. to 18d per day.
Most of the people bought little properties.
An estate of 18000 acres, to be sold for £1000.
Respectable people wont work on estates except as they are forced to.
The people in the reach of the mission much more liberal, in proportion, than in this country.
Properties are being abandoned rapidly.
Many are gnashing with their teeth against the Home country. for emancipation.
The degraded character of the people.
Running was of the class of Book keepers and agents. Of the mass of the people four cent live 5 or ten years, in consequence of their dissipated habits.
The influence of this example, destructive.
Dr Taylor. St Mary. Parish Knows 25 Estates, from 3 to 5 white overseers & bookkeepers in each 4 or 5. Married. mistresses generally Creole, and mostly Brown..
On these estates.
One half of his church fully white.
All the Cong. have men whom they can trust & send to supply their absence.

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Ortons view of prosperity & its effect.
In our mission the men of most intelligence & most property — are most behind."

Belgar. 3 miles from Brainard.
Land purchased. price per. The Mission recommend the opening.
Brainerd over 140 on list
over 100 daily attendance.
40 or 50 children would attend School at Belgar. This would reduce Brainerd School
Must have a teacher, or an assistant for.
If a teacher sent from this country, we know the cost.
If from there, from $25 to $30.
Charles Sims an apt teacher. ~~No pay~~
Probably little or no expense for house and land.

Rock River School. Not hitherto under our influence — between Hall & Thompson people own land. large number of children. Offers land for 10 $ per acre & house for 20 $ will give one acre, $100. A. Thompson says he can raise $100. will be needed from here.
A teacher needed from here.

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Rock River continued.

A male teacher wanted. A. Wathaway will answer.

The mission are deeply interested in it.

Golden Vale. A male teacher wanted.

A young woman is now teaching there that might do for Eliot. A sister is now buying land at Eliot.....

Purchase of a plot of ground for Chalé.

School Association.

1 To teach the people.

2 To raise funds better.

Voted to recommend the appointment of three teachers.

Voted to let Miss Howe come home.

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Jamaica Mission
Malcolm Maitland
May 1853

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Even should you ask an explanation I should have none to make aside from the circumstances under which I came to Dr. Dr. Thompson what first called forth his opposition to for an explanation of the cause he has pursued since, so to this is all I can say

If you wish me to continue in the work I do so only on the conditions on which I supposed I secured it before leaving the United States, nor will I on

to place myself in any position where there would be a repetition of what has been so near coming to. I should spoil the work of my own hands if I did.

How will I consent to be hired by the people, or the directors, it is mockery. What have they to do but to secure a teacher, as long as they look to the Lord at home to supply their need, who is going to consent to be shipped to the East Indies to be secured or rejected, as the tide may be. It is a heathenish way of doing business, at least, to thus send teachers forth.

(I will never say any more "disagreeable things" to you my dear "estimable" friend, corresponding secretary") M.H.

I have very many things to acknowledge with gratitude, a most congenial climate, I have found, besides no one hindrance in my work, I have much to acknowledge with gratitude towards yourself, but then I am not like "those females" I do not know what to call the peculiar circumstances I am in —

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What can be the reason
Mr Whipple that you do not
reply to my letter of March 16th?
Two Mean we have been in
Washington since the 17th & have
not a letter from you. Why this
long delay. Can you make some
explanation, if it, first tell
me why you sent me to this
foreign field, ignorant the con-
ditions of my appointment for
the work was unfulfilled, ignorant
that the schools were a separate &
distinct organization. Tell me
why you have thrown me
upon the mercy of circumstances

which should lead me to say that I was in a most uncomfortable position, & then if possible I will make a satisfactory explanation.

How long do you think I wish to remain in this uncomfortable position? Since coming to L. (12 weeks ago) there has been a constant repetition of sayings of this sort, "I do not feel as we should have you come as a sister & you have been in the wrong."

"I have been blamed for allowing you to come to Ellis at all, until you had complied with all the conditions, blamed because I did not hold you to these conditions, & then if you

would have complained with them, you might have gone and may back to Ga. but as long as you could."

"We are going to have a teacher from the A.M.A. paid upon [illegible]

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Two weeks after the letter was received by Mrs. I it contained something which led Mrs. I to remark this to me. "They have high hopes of you, I hope you will not disappoint them." and that "Mrs. I want me to get the children into school, you are in the way of my getting them into school." "Myself & the directors have authority to expell you from the school, I do not

say that we shall do it. but
we have authority to do so, & any one
acquainted with the circumstances
would justify us in doing so.

Ask Mr T. for an explanation
of this & great deal more besides.

I cannot say how offi-
he has acted upon me & confession
of course I have no confession to
make to Mr T. once & once & once
again he has said I have behaved
faithfully with Government & not
to be reached, that if he or any
one else I would have given
them up long ago. I am so
weary (& grieved to) with all this I
wish to see my face him
but this is not Mr Thompson

in all things for in many
things he is a most devoted friend
The controversy is in this city
and if it were not for this I know
it would be very desirable to be
associated with Mr Thompson

I will wait one month
longer to hear from you

Are you disturbed by all this
I would not let you be if I could
help it

Yours very sincerely
A. Home

Elliott May 31

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Do you know Rev. W. H. Bennett
Mrs Ox
Mo. St.

Miss M. Howe

Utica May 31/53

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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May 27 1865

Dear Sir

I always was an incessant talker so much so that mother has told me she believed I thought it a sin to allow silence for a moment where there were ears to hear. And since circumstances compel my tongue to rest a little (I mean from shit that with pen my fingers have become quite as expert in the art of talking as some mutes are, & like you I think this fashion of making thots fast to paper so that the wings of the wind may convey them to some eye is much better than no talk. Br Harned my correspondent

He took me (a great baby) home with him & his dear family cared for me till I was sufficiently strong to go to my dear mother, & this with many other very very kind favors, kindled a spark of something in my heart which is still burning & the little tapers missive occasionally rouse it to a flame. I am very sorry he is leaving the office I fear you will not get as faithful a man to take his place, & if he is I shant like him as well. To make writing easy I will look up all the scraps I can find set down to your favor.

First then when you put us into the omnibus to go to Br Bristols sat eve. you spoke in tones which seemed to me angelic saying "I will see you again on Monday" The scene & words when recalled never fail to bring a sudden shower of tears to my my eyes, so are words filthy spoken. And then that good letter of instructions you wrote, & all those letters you wrote if possible to persuade me to be a good girl I could increase this list to the end of the page but this will serve my purpose. "Princes Kings shake hands with a piece of cloth." I wish I could shake yours with a rope & take care to have it well fastened to your hand & I would not stop shaking till I got you here in Jamaica. I feel like dropping my pen now to engage in the delightful exercise How I would enjoy it. Dr Barret is going to N. Y. I hear in a few weeks & I may send you "howdy" by him. "What right has a young lady to court" Allow me to ask why has not a young lady this right?! What right have the lords of creation to claim this as their exclusive prerogative to the great detriment of the ladies. For instance a gent in my situation could write a charming letter to some fair one he had seen of heard of, & get a help meet directly, But see what significant questions come to me because I dared to woo the muses for a little comfort in the paraphrase

O solitude I know thy charms
Of which ancient sages never dreampt
An Eve in my own paradise
Not having an Adam to tempt.

Dont think me advocating womens rights or complaining. However not knowing but your sympathies may be aroused by what I have said I will send you a sample of courtship for another which occurred last year to my knowledge. It runs thus (Do read it) Miss — are you engaged? Do you wish to get married? My brother wished me to ask you these questions. He wants you for his wife if you want him. He loves you very much. Miss — I would like to have you take my brother for I have to go from place to place to teach school & then he is so lonely. Will you not pity him? He says he can take care of you as he has some property & is still making more. If you will take him I will give you something every year! &c &c I beg your pardon for writing this nonsense which I would not have done had not the author of it been a candidate for Jamaica mission & doubtless would have come if I had not opposed it as strongly as I have opposed a certain Dr & his train. It was suggested a long ago for a taunt that I go to N. Y. to be the committee, but I do not approach near enough to a god & who else can discern mens or womens hearts. Cowper says

What virtue or what mental grace
But men unqualified & base
Will boast of their possession
No nature but boldly will pretend
The requisites that form a friend
A real & a sound one

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Since this sentiment is true I know when I take time to think of it, that your task is a hard one & I suppose we poor folks must suffer the consequences of any want of discernment in others. By the way I wrote a very hasty note to Br Tappan the night before Br Wolcott left

& I am afraid he never will forgive me for if unless you undertake for me. I wrote it when I was vexed & with a hope to vex others just as angry people always do. If you can make him believe just as you do that I am not worth minding I will feel much obliged

But I will leave this dreaming & speak of what I am doing. Viz housekeeping, schoolkeeping, farming & preaching, being enough for a Hercules if he would do those to each profession. All the paraphernalia of housekeeping must be obtained, not a little water (which is not easy of access) & wood must be had daily — yams plantains fish &c must be provided for meals, & who is to look after all these things with a thousand & one others in the same connection but this important & Still as for schoolkeeping it would require the combined strength & [redacted] wisdom & patience of Sampson Solomon & Job to say the least. For farming must be had hoes cutlass axe &c & this I must give orders just where & how & when every blow must be struck or else it is not done. I have to preach every sabbath, every other sabbath & every Wednesday (when it dont rain) & this must be done well whatever else is slighted. It is my belief that Gods dramatic actors should throw quite as much life & interest in their performances as the devils do. hence some study is requisite. My evenings are mostly devoted to the extra lessons of my children. While I write to of my family are getting their bible lessons for the sab— & they manifest not a little interest in them. The two youngest have already repeated their hymns to me. I love my work all of it. My mother was a housekeeper my father a farmer & my adopted father a minister & I was born a schoolteacher. But I am inclined to think I should last longer if I had nothing but my work proper viz teaching to do. If you could get a first rate married pair here & let me go to Mrs Olds or some other good place by Christmas I think it would be well but I will not give up my post to a heartless or drowsy slouching souls I will die first. I think of taking two months vacation at Christmas & now ask your permission for I cannot teach year after year with only the regular vacations. By the way the Jamaica Mission are about to vote that you send no more old maids out here & I believe they are talking of sending me home in about seven years when from certain signs they imagine I shall enter that list

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Brainerd Miss. Mon. May 30/53

Dear Bro Wolcott -

Your note from Newport dated the 25th inst, came to hand last eve, & right glad were we all to hear of your quick & pleasant passage, & safe arrival. I reckon your recent experience on seaboard will compare favorably with your trip out here! Sister W will not dread the return voyage, as she did this. Then did the Picks stand it & like it? First rate, no doubt! Henry I am sure, would make a capital sailor-boy. Amelia wonders what he thinks of the "red hole" now! I sent you a letter the morning you sailed, containing one or two items of business but can't remember what they were now. I haven't seen Br Way since you left, & of course his accts are unsettled. Will make all right about the Life Preservers. I don't quite understand about the freight charged me, on Bill from Ohio. The Soc acknowledge the receipt of $2,00 towards paying it, from Lenox. And the freight from N York is paid here! Now, I don't mind the 2 Dolls. could cheerfully give twice that amt to the Soc, since they have been so liberal to us. But I don't like the principle! It is a perversion of funds. It frustrates the intentions of the donors, who wished to have it come, with as little expense to us, as possible. Please call the attention of the Com to the principle involved. The contents of the Bill, were all safe, save the green apples. Well, I shouldn't wonder if the Com were glad to see your faces once more in the flesh. I hope they will give you a long hearing, with both ears open! Don't thunder too loud!!

about the fate of that brat of mine (the Essay) I do feel a little anxious, for I fear, it will suffer a "dead shave"; I beg, please massa' to spare my whiskers! How is it, that you say not a word about that $450, which the Conv have so generously appropriated to our Mission? We take it to be an offset to our donations. I have called no meeting of the Mission as yet, to take formal action upon it, but I have corresponded with or heard from all, excepting Br Way. There is but one opinion, so far. We propose to accept it thankfully & appropriate it for the benefit of our schools. It will constitute a good "sinking fund" for the Col Soc Assn. What say you? Please let us know at once. Also whether I can make a draft for the whole or part. Brs Thompson & Olds wish me to draw at once. but I am unwilling to do so, until I hear from you. We would like you to take at least 50 dolls of it, & purchase Maps, Paintings &c for our schools. Br Thompson has closed the bargain for Rock River premises. We are getting on slowly at Belgar. Expect to commence putting on the thatch this week. I think we shall need 400 pounds, to enable us to complete it. Br Whipple writes that is corresponding with a young man in Concord. Q. about coming out as a teacher. Please send him along, & at least two females with him. I fear you will not see Br Dickinson, unless you go to Chicago. Do not fail to visit Franklin Mass. I hear you were to spend last week in Boston, & that you might have gone out to Br Pratt Eve & spent yesterday there. You did not say whether you had seen any Brethren in New York when you wrote, but I suppose you forgot to mention

it, in your haste - Br Way, I hear, is driving about again -
this wife & family have both been sick, but are better now
Dr Barnett came from Portland last week - she is head &
ears in the copper business - says the prospects at P are
better than jobs skill! she expects to sail for Eng - in July -
Will get naturalised before he goes - she expects to form a
company in New York to work in this region - there is
copper all about us. Some very good specimens have been
found on Pot Patience - I found a large lode down by the
river, a few rods below our bathing place - the Dr, found a very
promising lode on Br Latore's land - she is going to push the
drift that the Cornish's commenced on Station - she left here
on Sat - the copper excitement is in a fair way to become a mania
I hope it will be overruled for good to the Ds - What is to
be done with Miss Howe? Which way does the wind blow in Hartford
I have rec'd a paper containing a very interesting funeral sermon
preached in Richmond Vt on occasion of the death of Br
Briggs - Dr Barnett has also rec'd a letter from one of his sisters
she seems to have been regarded, by those who knew him best,
as a young man of devoted piety & great promise -
Well, how does it seem to tread the soil of your native land, once
more, & be able to travel without mounting your mule? How do
Sister Wolcott & the children enjoy being "among folks"? How do the
north winds & frosty nights affect you all? I trust you will be
benefitted, physically & spiritually by your sojourn in the States,
& have grace & strength to do much good - Get all the volunteers
you can, to return with you - especially teachers of the right sort -
Wife & children send plenty of love to you & yours - Wife says she
has "nothing special" to write to sister W - & so she will wait
till next time.

Br & Sister Moffat are well, & would send plenty of love, if they knew I was writing. they have quite an addition to the number of their scholars today. I expect Br Thompson here tonight, on his way to Rome, & shall forward this by him. do write often, & keep us well informed of your movements & prospects. the Lord be with you.

Yours aff Brother

A. M. Richardson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. M. Richardson
to J. J. Moffatt
May 30/53

~~Jamaica Mission.~~ It will be remembered by the friends, that Rev. Mr Bolcott of ~~Rev. J. A. Lippitt.~~ Gravels

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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My Dear Brother,—

After an absence of more than six years spent on mission ground, it is with very great pleasure, and with deep emotions of thankfulness to the giver of all good, that I can again breathe the air of my native land. As I anticipate soon to meet with many, the friends & acquaintance of former years, and the friends of missions in general, it will be but natural that I should frequently ~~meet~~ hear the inquiry "Watchman, what of the night?"

Such is the interest now every where felt among christians in behalf of the oppressed in this country; that, as a missionary to the emancipated people of Jamaica, I must of course anticipate a variety of questions in relation to them. Their character and condition as freemen is, and will continue to be, considered as having a bearing, more or less, upon the great, exciting question of the day—"Negro Emancipation?" Often shall I hear questions like these; "How do you get on out there?" "How does the mission prosper?" "Are you doing the people any good?" "Are they capable of improvement?" "Do you think they can be elevated?" "Can they ever be like white men?" "Can they take care of themselves?" "Do you think they are as well off now as they were in slavery?"—

In most of such inquiries it would not be easy to give a direct, unqualified, and satisfactory answer; and I will only say here that, as providence may permit, it will give me the highest satisfaction to listen to any inquiries concerning our people, and to answer them according to the best of my knowledge. ~~As the present I may say that~~ For one I am perfectly satisfied ~~that~~ that God has made of one blood all nations; and though manifested under an endless variety of circumstances and conditions, and in different degrees, humanity is humanity every where. All alike demand our sympathies, and to all applies the Golden Rule.

The emancipated people of Jamaica can be improved - elevated. And if it be the duty of the physician to do his best to heal the sick, it is ~~our~~ duty to do what we can to improve, to elevate an afflicted, downtrodden race. And surely, in this direction, there is work enough. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." We greatly need more laborers and the corresponding means for their support. Where shall we find them? In these days of universal progress, when all the powers and resources of nature are taxed for contributions to enhance national and individual prosperity, shall man himself, for whom all these things are, be forgotten? By the self-calculating, God-forgetting, hard-hearted worldling he may be; but by such as fear God and regard man, he cannot be

These are not only days of physical and intellectual progress, but ~~days~~ of christian enterprise - of gospel missionary efforts. To what end should these efforts be directed? To obtain for a christian or high-sailed people a higher character for honor, learning, refinement, virtue? Not to this only, but more. We must go down into the lowest depths of ignorance, degradation and vice. It will not do to shun the dark abodes of depravity, or turn aside from the wounded helpless victims of avarice, of lust; and like the Priest and the Levite refuse to touch a thing "unclean" Such can never join in the anthem of those who will shout 'Glory to Him who hath washed us by his blood.' —

~~O shame on men who boast a Saxon origin - who talk proudly of liberty, of religion and yet pretend that the black man ought to be a slave - that slavery is his only true, his best condition. Ye wise ones, - did Anglo Saxons never wear the iron collar and serve a master? 'Tis but a coward soul that would crush the fallen - the noble heart would lift him up.~~

Thanks to God that men are becoming impressed more and more with the gospel sentiment that 'the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak,' - 'to help such as are ready to perish.' Would that it might speedily multiply a thousand fold. As missionaries we, ~~with our brethren~~ in Jamaica, are deeply interested in the welfare of the people for whom it has fallen to our lot to labor - We earnestly desire to impart to the friends who sympathize with

knowledge
us, of our joys and sorrows - our hopes and fears.
We desire with their sympathies, their "material aid."
But to obtain this, what inducement can we present them? what encouragement? what bright hopes to cheer and stimulate their hearts? In one word we would say, just such, and only such as She had who when on earth was 'a man of sorrows & acquainted with grief' who came among us "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives" "to heal the sick - to save the lost;" yet of whom it was said "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

It is not too much, even now, to say of the people of Jamaica, in the language of another, "Their condition is exceedingly degraded; their morals wofully corrupt." But this must by no means be understood to be of universal application. With respect to those who have been brought under a healthful educational & religious influence it is not true. But as respects the great mass whose humanity has been ground out of them by cruel oppression, whom no good Samaritan hand has yet reached how could it be otherwise? We wish to turn the tables - to supplant oppression by righteousness, insult by compassion and brotherly kindness, hatred & contempt by love and winning meekness, till we ~~allure~~ are these wretched ones to the hope & enjoyment of manhood & virtue. For them and for their children we ask for help - for them we pray.

Affectionately Yours
J. T. Wolcott

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Rev. J. T. Wolcott.
New York May 1/53.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Plymouth N.H. June 1st 1853 –

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother.

We have just arrived at our final stopping place in this direction, and find ourselves humbly but pleasantly situated among the relatives & former friends of Mrs Wife – The sharp invigorating air, the ice-cold water, the rural scenery, the rustic habits & fare of the country awaken many very pleasant associations, and produce the most delightful impressions. Spring, fresh & blooming Spring in the country – It seems almost a sin not to enjoy it – We intend to spend two or three weeks visiting in several towns round about – Our trip to Boston, & our stay there was a very pleasant one. We were the guest of Mr. Wilder Saper merchant, 26 Water Street – Spent the last night (friday) in Watertown with Mr Sears – He seems a most agreeable man – The anniversaries were said to be inferior to those of former years – On the whole, my anticipations were not quite met – Among all that I saw & heard, a temperance lecture by Mr. Chapin of N. Y. and a Sermon before the Convention of Congregational ministers, by Rev. J. Todd, were most worthy of praise – they were very appropriate and <u>really excellent.</u> The morning Prayer Meetings were <u>first</u> perhaps in importance, and commanded the largest audi-

We spent the Sabbath & monday with bro. Brown at Andover - what a delightful place this is - the very atmosphere seems charged with knowledge & virtue. who can breath here & not inhale its inspirations - O what a world will this be when the hardness, the pride and haughtiness of mans heart shall be supplanted by meekness & love - when the fervent zeal & energy now aimed merely at the accumulation of the "Almighty Dollars" shall be directed to the salvation of men. I addressed a meeting at A - in the evening - sabbath - I met Prof. Walker in Boston - He gave me a very warm invitation to visit his place. I think I shall accept of it - I have begun the preparation of a few missionary sermons, and lectures on Jam. intending, as soon as possible, to have them well & fully written, according to the best of my ability - hoping to have frequent occasion for their use - We shall probably visit Lime next week - Please send me two or three copies of the June Missionary, direct to Mr. Ky. Storrs Lime N.H. and two or three to Mr. David George Plymouth - If you should have occasion to write me before the 15th inst. please direct to Plymouth -

With respects to friends, I am truly yours

Seth T. Walcott

Rev. S. T. Walcott
Plymouth N.H.
June 1/1832

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Providence Station June 14th 1853

Rev G. Whipple,

My dear Brother,

It was very kind of you to send me that bit of a letter, which though so small was very acceptable. There have been time since my residence in Jamaica, when I have really wondered if you knew I belonged to the Mission, or was in any way connected with the Association, I sincerely thank you for that little missive, which dispelled every doubt. I can assure you it is with no small pleasure that I comply with your request to write you freely. At Providence this has been a day of good things, of joy and great gladness. The new school house is done, and has just been dedicated. I thought of you and my dear teacher Miss Cook and wished you only could have been here. About 60 were present. Mr Hall read the 118 Psalm, and alluded most gratefully to the goodness of God in prospering the work. Some of the people also expressed their gratitude and joy. For a house of its dimension I certainly never saw a neater, more convenient, or comfortable one, even in America. The walls inside & out are very white, and the fallouses and door are green. On either side are seats & desks. The roof is thatched, and inside really is beautiful, much nicer and cooler than shingles. Others call it Providence School House, but in my heart I call

it Ebenezer, for "Hitherto hath God helped me".
Mr Hall has been very persevering, laboring himself and encouraging the people. Sometimes when the work dragged it seemed but to spur him to greater exertion. I am writing at the desk where he a few hours ago exhorted the people to educate, and train in wisdom's way, their children, and I feel encouraged, at the same time I feel my own responsibility increased; for the people themselves have evinced an interest in Education, a fact to which this house stands witness. To me this is a place of peculiar interest. Here shall I endeavour to develope the intellect and train the heart for communion with Heaven. Here shall I point to the Saviour, and strive to gently lead my children to him. And here shall my prayer ascend for their conversion. I am attached to this people, especially the little ones. My school numbers 88. The usual attendance is about 30. They are not as advanced as the children of Oberlin Station though most of them read & a number write & also have classes in Geography & mental and written Arithmetic, and the boys are just learning to declaim. — There is one thing I have observed with pleasure though I have spoken of it never before, to any one. When I read the Bible in the morning, and when the Testament class read I generally try to impress the truth upon their minds. And at night when each that can read, repeats a passage of Scripture of their own selection, very often do they choose one that has been explained during

the day. Perhaps it makes & leaves its impress on the heart. Mrs Whipple it is such a comfort to know that God is Almighty, and only requires us to be faithful leaving results with him. I believe that some thing has previously been said of my attending Mt Holyoke Seminary in a couple of years from the time I came out, which you know will be one year from this time. If I know my own heart I have given myself wholly to the Lord, and it is my highest desire to advance his kingdom. And I do think a year or two spent in that Institution would greatly augment my future usefulness. And I know that if I am his child he will direct. Mr Richardson my special friend and favorite Mission brother, says they will vote my returning then. But I guess they won't object if the Association only consents. I am well pleased with my new home I admire Mr Hall's judgment and good sound sense, which are qualities every Missionary ought to possess. Mrs Hall treats me very kindly, as did Mrs. May. I am quite attached to her & Jimmy. Indeed I love the Mission well, dear Mis Dean in particular. And they all make quite a pet of me, humoring me beyond all my expectations — guess it is on account of my youth, more than my worth. — & if my heart grows sad and I feel discouraged, they are in God's word comforting me, ever pointing to the promise of him "who doeth all things well"; nor are they slow to express in other ways their ~~the~~ sympathy & affection. Surely "the lines are fallen to me in pleasant places."

Shall we forward missing one
Inclosed I shall
expect your
top from me
and Mrs
Farrar
Here.

We are so sorry Mr Hamed has left the Office. Where will you find another to take his place that will be a faithful and devoted to the duties assigned him? The only thing that makes Miss Dean and myself reconciled to his resignation is that our loss is his gain. As that long expected "long letter" did not arrive Miss D. kindly allowed me to share her letter of instructions, and I feel very thankful for even that privilege. I have read them many times with profit and pleasure. We are over anxious to hear from Mr Walcott and wife. I suppose they have informed how "our folks" conduct &c. &c. I have not seen Miss Howe, am sorry to say that reports have not prepossessed me in her favor. It was very good of the Afs. to vote us so much money. Dont know what we shall do with it all. The Mission seemed very grateful for it. Was glad to hear of the improvement of your health. Dont you think a trip to Jamaica would greatly benefit you? Write after when the Mission have met. I have heard the brethren wish that Bro Whipple would visit Jamaica. Sometimes I really thought they expected you they looked so hard toward the door when entering their midst. Will you please forward the inclosed note to my mamma ~~our friend Mr Lodge~~. My kind salutations to Miss Lodge & Mr Lapham. Mr & Mrs Walcott unite in kind regards.

Your Aff. Friend & Sister.

Marion Hicks.

Marion Hicks
Jamaica
Jan 14 1873

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Bridgeland Station June 14th 1873

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Dear Bro Whipple

Your letters, - dated Feb 28 & April 2d respectively, - came to hand about a week after the date of the latter, & should have sent an earlier acknowledgement but the unusual pressure of other duties - We do sympathize with you, in the midst of your arduous labors & increasing responsibilities - The Lord grant you strength of body & mind, according to your day: I think your general health must be much better than it was last year, or your burdens would crush you down - Hope you will soon find some suitable person to fill Br Shepard's place; but it will take him some time to get such an acquaintance with the perplexing details of the Society's business, as Br Shepard had acquired by his long experience - Please tender to dear Br Pappan the assurance of our christian sympathy in his sore bereavement - We were all rejoiced to hear of the safe arrival of Br & Sister Wolcott, with their family, in N. York - We earnestly hope & pray that their visit to the U.S. may be productive of great good to the Mission & its friends, as well as to the cause of Christ & suffering humanity generally - You will doubtless be somewhat surprised at some of his views & statements - And perhaps some of us here, might take exceptions to some of his opinions & conclusions; or, at least, to his manner of expressing them - But I believe they have been honestly formed, as the result of long experience & close observation, & are therefore entitled to serious consideration - But he will not thank me for appearing as his advocate - She is of age, & will speak for himself!

P.S. Br & Sister Mo- have sent word they are not able to reply to your third letter, by this mail, but will do so some two weeks hence. We shall not be able to track much more, with the funds from Boston at the rate date

In your last letter to the Mission, (dated April 1st) you communicated the action of the Ex-Com- relative to the donation made by us to the funds of the Soc- Your Resolution granting an appropriation of $450, for the benefit of the Jam- Mission, has awakened, in all our hearts, mingled emotions of pleasure, gratitude & surprise. It has surprised us, because it was entirely unexpected. It has pleased us, because it has evinced a delicate appreciation of our motives & circumstances- an unwillingness that "others should be eased & we burdened". We cannot but feel grateful for this generous expression of Christian confidence & tender solicitude for our comfort & welfare- We are also pleased & grateful because the Com- have put it in our power to accomplish a greater amt of good, (as we hope) than would have resulted without this action- We trust our action may not be lost upon the friends of the Soc- in Am- and we can rest sure that your action will be turned to good acct in behalf of the Mission here- We have not been able to hold a general meeting of the Mission since the receipt of your letter, but I have communicated with all the members, & the expression of opinion is unanimous- I am instructed by them to express to the Ex-Com- our heartfelt thanks for, & grateful acceptance of, their generous appropriation for our benefit- I would further state that we have decided to hold it as a reserve fund, to be appropriated for the advancement of the cause of Education among our people- We have cheerfully & sacredly devoted it to the cause of Christ, and we cannot think (nor do I suppose you expected it) of taking it back, & applying to our own private use- But, we often have calls, of such a nature, that we do not feel quite at liberty to draw on the Soc- to meet them- and

yet we must do so, or meet them by drafts on our private funds. Such an one we have now. Our schools are almost entirely destitute of Globes, Outline Maps &c. We need also a Telescope & Microscope for the use of the schools in the Mission. We have a Magic Lantern, & it is awakening great interest wherever it has been exhibited. But we need a new sett of paintings to illustrate Natural Hist & Geography. Before Br Wolcott left he was intrusted to purchase Maps, paintings &c to the Amt of $50. We must have the means of awakening tho't & exciting inquiry & investigation in the dormant minds of this people. In this way teachers can accomplish vastly more than by confining themselves to the dry details of text-books. I would add, that I have just made a draft on Br Tappan for the above mentioned amt. I did not intend to make a draft until I had heard again from you. But a majority of the Breth were anxious to have me do so, & I have finally yielded to their solicitations. We have done this, partly on our own acct, & partly to accommodate Dr Barnett, to whom we all feel deeply indebted for numerous favors. Br Wolcott will understand why he needed the draft just now. Please explain this to Br Tappan. If I have been a little hasty in drawing now, the urgency of others must be my excuse. I am glad to learn that Mr Whittemore has offered himself as a Teacher here. I know him, but not intimately. If Br Dickinson recommends him, I think the Com. can safely engage him. We want him, or some one else at Belgas, where we hope to open a school in Aug. if we can obtain a Teacher

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Mr & Mrs Moffat need an assistant at Mt Patience immediately - their school is too large & their labors are too arduous to be long endured without serious injury to their health - Mrs M is quite unwell just now - they will speak for themselves however - I know of two or three young Ladies in Lenox, who would make the right sort of teachers for Jamo if they could be obtained - they are anxious to come if their friends will consent - I think one of them could be obtained for Mt Patience - I mentioned to Br Wolcott about seeing them - I hope you will persuade some of those you mention, as having offered themselves for Africa, to come this way - the way is open for the establishment of almost any number of schools, if teachers, & the means of supporting them can be obtained - and the people will aid, to some extent, in the work - I thank you for the information in your last, respecting Br D-s movements - all news to us - we have not heard from them for a long time - I must not omit to mention, that the Mission band here, have just rec^d an accession to their number: We have a little son, born the 8th inst, whom we talk of calling George Whipple: Perhaps you little think of having a namesake for Missionary, so soon: I am happy to add that Mrs R- is quite comfortable - Br Way's health is better. His wife & child are quite poorly just now - the school house at Providence is completed, & was to have been dedicated yesterday - I hope to send you a full Report of the condition of our schools, after the annual meeting here in Aug - What shall we do with Miss Stewart? She is a "sui generis"! Mrs R- unites in kind remembrance to yourself & family - also to Br Tappan & Shamed, & the members of the Ex Com - I thank Br Shamed for his kind letter - shan't time to answ it now - Pray for us - yours off Br A. M. Richardson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2128
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Twist Hill, Jamaica,
1st June, 1853.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to you my friend and Brother Minister, the Revd John E. Henderson. He is connected with the Baptist Missions in this Island, but as his Stations are near to mine we have long been very intimate. He is although going abolitionist, and has long been a tried friend to the lately emancipated negroes of Jamaica.

like most of us who visit you from this quarter, he is health-seeking; commending him therefore to you as a fellow heir of the grace of life,

I remain
Very truly yours
James Milne

William Harned Esq

James Milne
Jamaica
June 17th 1853

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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FISK UNIV.

Southampton 24 June 1853

Dear Brother Whipple

I expect to be in Troy on the 5th of July - and if not in New York during the same week, then early the next -

Mrs. Wolcott is now at Mr. Walker's in North Brookfield. I return there tomorrow to spend the Sabbath - and as my friends are without a minister here, I propose (to meet their wishes) to return to this place next week and occupy the first Sabbath of July. The A. M. A. has some friends here, as in almost every place I call at. - The conservatives are troubled - I came from Brookfield only yesterday - arrived here last evening - intending to make only a flying visit among my friends in this quarter, but I find them so numerous, and withal so clamorous for me to stop longer, and especially to see my family, that I have no heart to deny - and so shall try to spend a week with them. -

If you should have any occasion to write or to forward me any letters before I see you, you can direct me here any thing that will arrive before the 4th July. - I have received some private donations to the amt of some $11 with promises of something more to be sent you at a future time. Respects to our friends - Yours affectionately

Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. S. L. Holcott,
Southampton Ms.
June 24/53,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2180
FISK UNIV.

A. P. Hills

Oberlin, June 26, 1853.

Dear Brother Whipple

It has been my intention for a year or more to engage in the labor of a missionary life; but, as yet, I have been unable to decide where it is best for me, under existing circumstances, to locate for such a work.

My object in writing you, is to ascertain, if possible, where I can be the most efficient as a laborer in the cause of Christ; and this I trust is sufficient reason for my troubling you with a few statements relative to myself and my purposes for the future. As you are wholly unacquainted with me (except as a life member of your society) I trust you will bear with me in saying what I must necessarily, in order that you may act intelligently, and as God would have you, in respect to my requests.— Since your society was organized I have deeply sympathised with you in your work of sending forth a pure Gospel; one that should so transform men that they will not only love God with all the heart, but their neighbor as themselves; and in a word, one that should make men pure and holy, and qualify them to be good citizens in society.

At the time that Brother Whipple was called to the aid of your society I was about commencing a course of study at Oberlin. I was more interested in your society, than I could otherwise have been, from the fact that the society sympathized with Oberlin in its antislavery views, and its views of the christian duty and priviledges. I have always felt like giving you a hearty God Speed, and that if I ever should become a missionary I should wish to go out under your protection; and for this reason, that I believed your society would set up a pure standard of christianity that would not compromise with the world.

As I mentioned above, I commenced my studies here in eighteen forty six, since that time I have been engaged in study and teaching most of the time. At the coming Anniversary of this institution I shall have completed the Teachers Course. When I began my studies it was my intention to take a College course, but owing to ill health when I was about to enter college I was obliged to abandon my purpose, and do the next best that I could. In view of my qualifications I do not feel that I am prepared to labor as efficiently as I could wish; but what I am and have is the Lords; and [illegible] has a work for me

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and that in due time He will direct me to it if I but use the means that He has placed within my reach. I wish that I were better prepared to engage in such an awfully responsible work, as that of the missionary; and yet this is the common work of christians. All cannot be ministers; All cannot be teachers; some must do this and some that part of the great work of evangelizing the world. I think that I can be more efficient as a teacher than in any other sphere of labor. This is my choice and I am ready to engage in the work of a missionary teacher, or to do anything that will help forward this glorious end. I was brought up a farmer; since I became a student at Oberlin I have become a practical mechanic, so that I feel that I can assist somewhat in teaching men the arts of civilization. But aside from the points that I have mentioned there is another that I feel I ought to decide carefully and prayerfully. I feel as though I ought not to throw away my life absolutely, as I might do if I should go to some parts of the world. I have given up my life and my all to God and I expect to sacrifice all for him, but He has enjoined upon me to improve the life that has been given me [illegible] more usefully.

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I feel as though I ought to select a field of labor which will be as conducive to my health as possible. It is not my intention to go out alone, without an Helpmeet, and for this reason I ought to be doubly anxious about this point. As to our health at present, I can say we enjoy good health. But I am rather fearful for myself, lest I have a tendency to consumption. I have felt for several years that this is the case, and that, altough it is so, I may by care and perseverance, live many years. Neither of my parents are consumptive and yet three sisters and a brother have died with this disease. My intended has a much stronger constitution than I my own. The only question with us now is where are we best fitted to labor for God. Brother Jeffet (your missionary to Africa) urges me to go to some tropical climate. He writes me after your last missionaries arrived in Africa and in his letter he advised me to make that my field of labor. Brother J. P. Bordwell, of this place (agent for your western missions among the indians) requested me a few days since to go west this fall. — Whether a climate so cold as that would be for my health I am somewhat in doubt. When my health is good in winter I enjoy it more than extreme warm weather. — I have written to brother Moffatt of Jamaica in reference to my going to that part of the world but I have not received a reply yet. Of late I have thought considerably of South America. I suppose that is a promising field. If you could furnish me with statistics in reference to missions in that part of the world I should be very happy to receive them, or any other which you may think would be of more use to me in deciding the ques[illegible] I have not taken any

missionary paper except yours: from which I have obtained the most of my intelligence of missions. I have of late felt the want or necessity of being more thoroughly posted up upon missionary matters than I now am. — I have thus in as few words as possible opened my mind to you. I have done it after counting the cost of a missionary life. I know that I will, of necessity, have many hardships and trials to contend with, but I feel that my strength is not human. God is my strength and He will uphold me if I go forth under his banner. — I am anxious to know in the course of a few weeks, if possible, where we are going, as, we shall have considerable preparation to make before undertaking such a work. I hope you will write me as soon as convenient and give me any information, advice, or suggestions that you think proper. Let me know where you wish to send teachers, and the probabilities of our being provided with a field of labor adapted to our wants, and to which we are adapted. That God will direct you aright in answering my inquiries, as far as you can answer them is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

Amos P. Mills

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2181
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P.S. Reverend George Clark of this place is now in New York; and if you should chance to see him you can get any information respecting myself, which you desire. I have boarded in his family, and have been personally acquainted with him for several years.

A. P. Hills

A. B. Hills,
Oberlin
Jan 20/53

Boston June 24th/53

Mr Lewis Tappan

Sir

May I ask the favor of you to do, direct the enclosed letter that Rev. S G Walcott may get it as soon as may be. Mr W is a Missionary to Jamaica: and is now I understand somewhere in the United States, but as I do not know where. I beg you will pardon me for asking your assistance

Very Respectfully
Acton J Pr Whitcomb

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2182
FISK UNIV.

Acton P. P. Whitcomb
Boston
June. 27/03

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All of Japan
Quaint — Chinese Matting
Lately Fire Place

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2187
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Mt Pathiemu Jam July 2nd 1853

Dear Bro Whipple

Your very kind letter was duly rec'd. I have delayed replying to it quite too long. Excuses enough I might urge but I forbear troubling you with them.

Waiving other matters at present allow me to come directly to that subject which most interests me and which will I hope be of interest to you. That subject is my school. From 148 on the list 120 in regular attendance not long since, it has dwindled down to less than 50 during the past week. Tho' I can assign something of a reason for this falling off; it is not a sufficient reason to my mind & it causes me anxiety. Mrs Moffat's health has been such for a few weeks past that she has not been able to assist me, and a young girl living with us has attended in part to the scholars formerly taught by Mrs M. That there should therefore have been a falling off from her department would not have surprised me. But many, very many from my own department have also been absent. I am led to ask myself. What have I done? or rather What have I not done, to interest & benefit the children, that I ought to do? They were interested & being profited. I am afraid the difficulty lies farther back — difficulty much more difficult to remedy. This is it, that the parents not the children are in fault. I shall seek the remedy. I shall be more in earnest in my efforts with the parents. This day (Sat)

I will do what I can. At the church meeting hope to get the ears of some of them. I will try to reach the hearts & consciences. That they may be in earnest & constant in their efforts in this important work is my sincere prayer.

6th Well my efforts have been of some avail, there being nearly a hundred in attendance this week. We expect to have an examination at the close of this term. Wish you could be present. I think it will be seen that they have improved intellectually. I could wish that the moral improvement was as manifest. It may be even greater but it is not quite so easily seen. I am reminded of the exhortation "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Were it not for some such encouraging promises I do not know but I should faint for the prospects look dark sometimes. This is yesterday when more than a dozen boys were detected in stealing fruit. All hope did not leave me even here, for although each one knew that he would receive a severe flogging he frankly acknowledged the deed. I feel that I have need of great grace. Pray that I may abound in love & patience in particular, then I shall neither be barren nor unfruitful even here.

You have doubtless been informed of the fact that copper has been found in several parts of the island, indeed it appears to abound all over the island. There is quite an excitement here & even in England respecting it. Some of our good brethren of this

mission appear to be affected by it. It is to be hoped that no disastrous results will follow! Did I think so I would urge you to write them showing the evils that will result to ourselves to our labors & to our people by becoming engrossed in such pursuits. Some talk of sustaining the mission by means of the copper found on the various stations. I suppose to this you will raise no serious objection. It is that that our humble habitation is founded upon a rock & that rock abounds in rich copper ore. I rejoice not so much in this as in the pleasing thot that our hearts are founded on the Rock of Ages, which furnishes wealth far superior — even durable riches & righteousness. May this and only this be the wealth I covet.

Mrs Moffat has gone to Eliot this evening intending to spend a few days at her old home and I am left alone & indeed I feel quite lonesome. I don't think I shall let her run away so again very soon. Last summer I roomed here alone very contentedly but surely I cands so no more.

But I must stop. Remember me kindly to the brethren of the Com. & believe me

Yours faithfully

Addison Moffat

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Address Maffet
Mt. Patience
Jamaica

July 2/58

Also inclosed one of
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Golden Vale July 2d 1858

Revd Geo Whipple

My dear Brother

I had nearly completed my annual report a few days since when we experienced one of the most severe storms of wind & rain that we have had since our residence in Jamaica. The rain drove so furiously through the jalousies of our house that many of my papers were wet through in two minutes time. And in our hurry to rescue them from a total destruction my report was overlooked or mislaid, or had some other mishap that placed it beyond our reach. And now at this late hour I must commence my work "de novo."

In ~~casting our mental eye over the records that memory has traced during~~ receiving the last year, we recognize the continual recurrence of great and rich blessings from the hand of our heavenly Father. We have had not only the common blessings of ordinary times: but what is more (apparent at least) we have had the Everlasting Arms outstretched for our protection & guidance in the midst of imminent peril. One year since, & for months succeeding the pestilence that walketh in darkness was making sad havoc with health & life among our people. There were comparatively few dwellings that this noisome disease did not enter; And from many of which she did not depart until the family circle was broken. Although the prevalence of the Small pox did not create so great a sensation as did the Cholera, yet subsequent investigations have shown that scarcely a less number died of the former than of the last named epidemic But he who has promised to defend his little ones from evil, has shielded your missionaries from the ravages of this terrible scourge. And we are to day, by the especial protection of our Father a spared family

In giving an account of our labors among this people for the last year we have nothing of striking interest to record. We cannot speak of any marked overturns in respect to the habits, dispositions &c which are so peculiarly deep rooted in the affections if not in the Nature of this people

I have learned to cease to expect a sudden change from infancy to manhood. The time was when I really thought that a heathen or a semibarbarian Convert would be almost immediately possessed of the habits manners & amiabilities of a Christian in civilized lands. But I have come to believe, however heterodox I may appear to some whose opinions may bear the same shades that mine once did, that a man may become a Christian, & yet be what might be termed a half naked barbarian. His moral bearings are of course changed. He lives for a new end: The glory of God sought first & Christ is accepted as his only & allsufficient Savior. And yet he may not at all think that Christian propriety requires that he should cover the nakedness of his back ~~with a shirt~~ even though he be at work among men women and children! If the matter were suggested to him he might see & acknowledge the truth, & yet think of it for a little moment, but it ~~might~~ be a long time before his own mind would make the suggestion. And so of a thousand grovelling habits that we, I had almost said, bore with him: They have at least grown with his growth & strengthened with his strength, until now they seem to be a part & parcel of his very being. And they are constantly manifested to shock a refined sensibility.

The descent to all this degradation has been gradual & to the carnal sin-loving heart easy. But now to reverse his steps and get away from this incubus of sin will demand a mighty struggle, a mighty struggle I say, although this process of degradation that has been going on for generations has almost incapacitated him for the needed effort. Satan holds his degraded vassals by a compound power. He has not only led them far from light & purity. But this long distance they have wandered from God, has so enfeebled their powers that they are as it were crippled for a return. I do not mean that their legs are broken but they are so lame that that it will require a mighty effort of will to walk straight. It is not perhaps for us to say how much of these things, that appear to us so unlovely, may in the present generation be changed by Grace. Much that is desirable we must patiently wait for in the generations that are to come. Time must be required.

And this would be true had we all the missionaries & other labourers that we could reasonably ask for. But when we consider the awful deficiency in this respect and then take into account all the bad influences to which the people of Jamaica are exposed it is not rationally to be expected that there is to be a sudden change from their present position to the condition & habits of civilized life.

Nor should these facts deter Christians in their efforts to give the gospel to this people. The Anglo Saxons were once degraded. And it required a long time to bring them out of that degradation. Centuries were worn away in the tedious process. But their elevation was worth the time & effort it required to accomplish it. So is the elevation of every race of the human family worth the effort it will cost. Let christians then patiently labor & pray for the advancement of this great & good work.

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From the ~~tone in which I have so far written~~ you may perhaps be led to ~~believe~~ more sombre conclusions than you ought to entertain. For though we labor amidst clouds & darkness, yet the sky is not all dark. We have occasion to bless God that there are some rays of light bursting in upon us. The word of God we believe is not preached in vain. It finds its way to the hearts of some who, we hope are trying to live in their sudden way according to that word. Others we believe are convinced of the truth and think with some earnestness that they ought to obey that truth. A few we hope are the true disciples of Christ.

As yet we have not organized a church at Golden Vale, but expect to do so in about 4 or 5 weeks. There will probably be from 15 to 18 who will unite with ~~in the formation a church here~~. This number would be greatly swelled were we to receive all who are inclined to present themselves. But we find it necessary to exercise great caution in the reception of members to churches. There is a strong bias in the minds of almost all the people in favor of some church connection. Immediately after the marriage ceremony is performed, the next step to be taken is to be in the direction of uniting with

come church. Said a notoriously profligate man to me once, "Now I have taken myself from the world (got married) I wish to come & join your society." This feeling is exceedingly prevalent among the people, & hence must be closely guarded against, to prevent unworthy members from crowding into the church with the desire in hope that thereby they shall reap some good to their souls

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Our congregations are uniformly good in pleasant weather. But during the last nine months they have been much affected by the rains. This station is confessedly in the most rainy parish of the Island. And the past is said to have been one of the most rainy years for a long time known. To give you some idea of our rains I would say that from Oct 1st to Feb 1st we had but 5 days without rain! From that time to the 12th Apr we had more pleasant weather. But since the last mentioned date to the present July 2 it has rained every day but 4! Hence our congregations are often greatly affected from this cause; And on several sabbaths they have been almost wholly broken up by the rains.

My several outstations continue to be well attended. And I esteem them among my most interesting services. I often think that at these little gatherings the deepest & most abiding impressions are made.

Our S.S. is well attended. & we feel that through it much good is being effected for those who attend. Our usual number in S.S. I should judge is from 100 to 150. We are however greatly deficient in teachers: the only permanent ones we have ever had being the members of our own family. We have adopted here for the P.M. service a catechetical exercise which I deem well adapted to the condition of the people. The subjects we take up are of the most practical kind. & we aim to bring them directly to their understandings & hearts. This exercise is attended by nearly the whole congregation.

It is our ~~decided~~ conviction that this is destined to be an important station. And this conviction is strengthened by the fact that in this immediate vicinity great quantities of Coppice are being discovered, which will cause the population greatly to be increased.

Our day school varies much with the varying state of the weather. Many of the children live across the river. And when it is swollen as it often is, they are shut away. A male teacher is much needed at this station.

I am in the fellowship

Jones A. Oldes

Dr. Dr. Olds
Emmitsburg
July 2/63.

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Mt. Pelicua July 5. 1853

Dear Brother Whipple

Though I shall be able to write but little I may be able to tell you something of what I have been doing if not of what I am now doing. Perhaps you have been informed by Bro. B. of the failure of my health I will however say that I have been able to assist Mr. Moffat, teaching nearly the whole six hours, till within about four weeks. I took charge of nearly half in regular attendance, not one of whom had a book & were mere beginners in learning to read. They learned the alphabet, read words & sentences from cards printed in large type & hung up before them, class by class. Familiar conversation about what they read & other important matters did not fail to interest them & awaken the minds of most. Were this all I considered my duty, I should have found it comparatively an easy task.

But I thank God a higher motive emulated my zeal though as a stepping stone the other must not be left out. Their morals must be guarded, & all the little avenues to their hearts watched & good seed sown, lest the roots filthiness, & deceit, & theft obtain so strong a hold that almost as easy might the "Ethiopan change his skin or the Leopard his spots" as they to change their vile habits, without the superabounding grace of God. But Oh how hard a matter to do this when in most cases the influences at home are so much against the efforts of the teacher who would do them good. Yet I have reason to believe that my labor has not been in vain in the Lord. Some I think are becoming more

truthful & honest. God I trust gave me peculiar energy & perseverence in the midst of my trials with so many deceitful hearts & unsubdued wills. To him be all the glory.

Though my labors together with my household cares have sometimes been severe I have loved my work & I love it still, though deprived of pursuing it. It has been a trial to me to be laid aside; yet at this I would not murmur. The Lord may make me as useful in some other sphere as in ~~writing~~ teaching & he is able to send us another helper to fill the vacant place who will do more than I have done. For this I pray.

My dear husband, I feared for him when I was obliged to retire. I feared that his additional labor & his zeal would soon expend his strength & he also would be laid aside. We worked like clock-work together — all in perfect harmony & it seemed hard at first for me to leave him with the whole burden. But how have I been joyfully disappointed. With the help of one of his pupils, he has not only endured his labors as well as heretofore but even better & seems to be improving in flesh health & strength. How Providential! just in this emergency. How much to be grateful for!

I must stop. Remember me to all the friends of my acquaintance at the rooms.

Your Sister in Christ

Sarah B. Moffat.

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Geneva July 8th - 1863

Rev Mr Whipple

Will you if you can please to reply to the last letter I wrote you - but not to the one I wrote you since I returned this spring. If you can not and will return them. I shall consider myself greatly obliged if I remember their contents - there were state secrets and questions which if you do not think proper to reply to had better be withdrawn & I hope you can pardon the liberty I took in writing so fully to you what I felt and thought in reference to my own state.

I have received yours of June 25th it was enclosed with a note from Mr Everett. If I should go to Jamaica I will try to see you as you request.

Yours Truly

Alexania Hunt

Miss U. Hearst
Denver
July 8/53

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Chesterfield July 20/53
Jamaica

Dear Br Whipple

This will inform you that Miss Anna Ballard of Quincy Illinois proposes to come to Jamaica at her own expense provided she can be supported while here as a teacher. I have written her that I think you will be glad to employ her while she may wish to stay & if she concludes to come probably she will write you herself & visit New York on her way. Miss B is an excellent young lady of more than ordinary talent & good common sense She excells in music & would make a fit companion for any of the "upper 2as" of New York or Brooklyn. Please pay her special attentions if she comes for she is worthy. Her age is 23 or 4 is thoroughly orthodox & a working christian More anon

Your friend Mary Dean

PS Why dont Br Wolcott or some of my other friends write me

Mary Dean
Jamaica July 20/53
about Miss Anna Ballard
of Quincy.
L. S. wrote to M. Dean
Aug 11/53

Br. Whipple – As I have heard nothing of being discharged from the mission. I suppose nothing has been determined by the board & have ordered, as you will find enclosed, a bill of medicines for another year, which you will have the goodness to pay which I shall have deducted from the amount due first of Sept., as nearly as I can guess + I suppose Bro. Wolcott will bring a supply of hymn books &c. – We are all in usual health + Love to yourself & all the friends

Yours truly P. M. Way

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Rev. P. M. Way
July 1/53 Jamaica

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Cleaveland, Ohio Aug. 5-1853

Dear Brother Whipple,

It would be refreshing to me to get a little news about this time, and as I am now able to find my whereabouts I have strong hopes that you will be able to gratify me. If you have any thing for me from Jamaica, or elsewhere, or any occasion to write me on your own account, - Please direct me, Elyria Ohio until the 10th inst. After the 10th to care of B. Pelton, Cleaveland — I have not yet seen Mr. A. Hill, but I wrote him soon after I left you, and hope to see him early next week — I presented the subject of our mission to Bro. Thomas congregation on the Sabbath after I left you — and on the next monday went west — We have had a pleasant trip, and a good time with our friends in Mich. — Spoke at Grand Rapids on last Sabbath — We reached C. this morning — all well — We shall of course spend commencement (D.V.) at Oberlin.

I would forward letters for the mission if I did not prefer to wait a little for news from thence, If you are writing, please speak of our welfare — Remember us to Bro. Jocelyn. &c &c —

Yours Truly
Seth. T. Walcott

See next side

The 2nd Mem acknowledges receipt of a monthly concert collection by Cong. Ch Grand Rapids Mich. and drawn on for account $4.50 A. T. Walcott

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Rec'd Seth T. Wolcott
Cleveland Ohio
Aug 5/53

$4 50/100 charge S.T.W.
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Rev H B Hall
Providence
Jamaica
August 6 1833
Report
Vaccine Matter

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Providence ~~Hall~~ 2 27 9

Providence Jamaica Aug 6th 1853

Dear Brother Whipple

You will probably want our annual reports by the time this can reach you. I have not a very long one to make & I fear it will not be very interesting.

The Church at this station now numbers forty six members. Seven have been received during the year. One that had been ~~cut off~~ suspended has been restored. Two have been cut off, and two have died. The average number of the Congregation is twenty five.

The Church at Brandon Hill numbers twenty three members. Two have been cut off during the year, while none have been added, though a number have asked for admission.

The Chapel there has been enlarged during the year, and the Congregation averages about sixty & is on the increase. *

The Church & Congregation there have paid

on Ministers support, $25.95;

and Contributed for Mendi Mission, $3.30.

They have also contributed for other purposes, but I cannot state the amount.

¶ The Church & Congregation at this place have given in money on Ministers & teachers support, &c., $42.39.

What they have done in other ways, if reckoned in money, would stand thus:

* My arrangements now are & have been for several months, to preach there every sabbath morning.

Providence

Materials given in building the school house $35.00
150 days labor on the school house at 0.25 per day 37.50
100 days labor on the Mission house & premises at 0.25 per day 25.00
The whole cost of the school house is $147.00. The people gave as above stated. We received from individual friends $35.00 and there remains a debt of $17.50

The house was finished within six months after we began to talk of building. The people gave & worked cheerfully and the day the house was opened (the 14 of June) was a good day. We have a good house — pleasant convenient & durable and all who see it are highly pleased with it. And we have a good school which averages about thirty scholars.

The hinderances to the progress of the Gospel in Jamaica and the discouragements we have to contend with are as great as ever. Yet there are some things to cheer us — here & there a shrub in the desert. occasionally seeing so as to give a shelter and a shade — now & then a glimmering ray to remind us that there is a world where purity & light dwell, and sin & darkness enter not.

See Golden Vale.

Your letter of April 2 was duly received. The books you sent were choice ones. And I am making out a list for Bro Wolcott to bring on his return.

I do hope you will be able to find some vaccine matter soon if you have not done so already. The small pox still lingers in the Island. I never before heard of the story to which you refer, but really I cannot tell but there is something in it. At any rate it seems impossible to get any good matter in this country.

Mrs Hall & the little ones are quite well. We call the little one. Ellen. though we hope not tho' she baptized yet, as there has been no convenient opportunity to do so since we decided upon a name

I expect to go to Golden Vale next week with Bro Thompson to assist in organizing a church. It is my turn to preach at Hermitage to morrow. For some season the congregation there has been very small since Bro Wolcott left

Will you order 20 copies of the Childs paper sent to me, Mrs Hall joins in kind regards. Yours Aff

H. B. Hall

See Golden Vale

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Eliot 2

Revd George Whipple

~~Eliot Station~~ ~~Aug. 12, 1853.~~

My dear Bro.

Another year has rolled away, and I am glad to record the dealings of God with us as a family and as a people. The year past has been one of unmingled mercies. God has abundantly lavished upon us as a family his loving kindness. Our health has uniformly been good. Not a day I believe has been lost, by sickness during the last twelve months. — We have often been wearied and obliged to take a little rest for a few days, but not sick so but what we have been able to perform accustomed duties.

Our labors are wearing on us, this we feel — the power of endurance is becoming less day on the one hand, and on the other we are becoming more & more accustomed to the climate and kind of food so that we are more inclined to spend our days here than ever before.

There has been, comparatively, but little sickness among our people the last year. The small pox, though round about us, did not prove fatal except in a very few instances. It has now quite passed away from this part of the parish and we do hope it will not return. ~~It is truly a most loathsome disease~~ ~~This together~~ with the cholera and yellow fever has made most fearful havoc among the people of this island. I doubt not more than 60,000 having fallen victims to these most fearful pestilences.

In a spiritual point of view I trust we are not without tokens of the hallowed influences of the Spirit of God among us. Indeed since the cholera the Spirit of God has, more or less, been manifested. Sinners who have been the most hardened, ~~having for years listened to the word of God.~~ have now are forsaking their evil ways and sincerely inquiring what shall they do to be saved. This is most cheering. They are a class of persons who have always attended upon the means of grace, and are in a measure at least, ~~instructed in the doctrines~~ of the Bible and their duties. We may hope from such a class of persons, ~~stability~~ or more stability in the things of religion, than from those who have been under little or no religious instruction.

During the last year 16 have been received to church fellowship 12 on the profession of their faith ~~and 4~~ for the first time. 4 had been persons who for different crimes had been excommunicated and now restored.

3 have been excommunicated. and 8 have died, two old persons and one young person. The death of the latter was most triumphant. She bore all her sickness with Christian fortitude & patience. ~~The gift an infant of~~

Rev. J. Pierson
Eliot Jam.
Feb. 1853.

~~a few days old that soon followed her.~~ She died of the Small-pox ~~and she~~ was the only member of my church that has ~~only one of my congregation~~ church. Her end was peace, another soul has gone home to glory & while we mourn we still rejoice. The missionary feels a degree of triumph when one of his flock dies, leaving good evidence of final acceptance with God - The soul is safe - the fear that it will fall from its steadfastness, is taken away and the mind lift to rejoice. The greater the danger the greater the joy when the danger is passed

Our Sabbath congregations are ~~seem to be~~ on the increase. The Sabbath School is about the same in number ~~as last year~~ — There is an increased interest in the weekly prayer meetings.

During the past year a good deal of interest has been awakened in the opening of a new school at Rock River ~~It is in the neighborhood of Sonal other congregations a rather~~ the people in that neighborhood attend different Chapels. There is not a school in about 4 miles - Eliot is the nearest school to children of that district.

The school has not yet been opened though a teacher for the time being, has been engaged. We hope great good will result from our efforts there. Besides this district, there are two or three other places within 5 miles of us equally destitute but whether we can render them any assistance or open a school among them is yet uncertain. Sectarianism has a strong hold here, and often presents an insuperable barrier to doing good in ~~educating the children~~ this or in any other way.

My financial report stands thus.

For support of Minister	£ 17. 3. 6
For Church & Station purposes	11. 2. 9.
Missionary purposes	5. 0. 0
Completion of chapel seats.	3. 10. 9.
School purposes	10. 8. 4
	£ 47. 5. 4
	or $236. 8. 8.

I am sorry that my financial report is not greater. — Besides the money we have raised, the people have given a good many days work on the chapel and station. This I have not mentioned in my report.

I must now close. Pray for the peace of Zion among us. And may the same blessing rest upon the Ex-Com.

Yours in gospel bonds

L. Nwompeva

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Brainerd Jam Aug 12th 1853

Dear Brother Whipple

Your favor of the 20th ult, was truly a word in season, & right glad were we all to believe it. We had received no letters from the Office or from Bro Wolcott, since he left New York; & you may be sure it required great patience to wait so long, under such circumstances. The annual meeting of our School Assn was held here the 2d inst, & had you not kindly made that special effort to write by the Steamer, (altho' you had previously written by sailing vessel) the minds would have been left in doubt & suspense as to future plans & prospects. If you could have witnessed the eagerness & interest, with which even a private letter from you, was perused, by the bretheren & sisters, & heard their expressions of pleasure & thankfulness at certain items of intelligence it contained. I know you would have felt amply repaid for the hour you spent, when weary & exhausted, in penning it.

We all felt greatly relieved by the intelligence that Miss H. had been recalled, while we deeply regret the causes that have rendered such a step necessary. She did not attend our meeting, & I have not yet seen her, since the receipt of your letter. I shall make arrangements for her return immediately, altho' I much doubt if she will consent to avail herself of them. Bro Thompson wishes me to express to the Ex-Com his warmest thanks, for their prompt action in relieving him from a situation so difficult & trying. We all feel thankful—

I am glad to know that you were able to meet that Draft, without serious embarrassment; for, to tell the truth, I have felt considerable of anxiety, & had many misgivings about it. On examining more carefully the language of the Resolution, I was satisfied that we were hasty in drawing without farther instructions. Br Wolcott has not yet informed us, of any arrangement for our next Quarter's Salary. I suppose, however, that we shall hear soon. I hope you will be able to send out, at least, two male & ~~three~~ two female Teachers, with Br W. Miss Dean finds the burden at Chesterfield, rather more than she can well bear. School Teaching & House-keeping are too much for a female in this climate. They should have a married Teacher there, & many is quite ready to give place to one. She might out of a man, might ultimately have charge of that Station, & Br Wolcott's labors be more advantageously employed in another field. We think it may be advisable to make some important changes that side on Br W's return. Br Alds very much needs an assistant in his field. We think he might, at least, to have a male teacher that side. Then Miss Stuart could take charge of the school Br P. is about opening at Rock River. Miss Dean, perhaps, could go to Belgar, which will probably become an out station of Brainerd. When a teacher will be needed at Eliot, & Mr Moffat greatly needs a faithful assistant at Mt Patience, as Mrs M. will not, probably, go into school again. If you cannot send two male Teachers, of course another female will be required —

Your remarks respecting Br W-s views, manner of presenting them &c, are right to the point, & I am glad to know that you have so well understood him, & appreciate his motives - I do question the wisdom & expediency of such a course, (as he well knows) while I am satisfied that he as conscientiously adopts it -

Our annual Reports will probably be forwarded by the same Steamer that conveys this - or, at the farthest in a few days - I shall forward a report of all the schools, by itself - I think you will find it presents one of the most interesting & encouraging features of our work - I think you will see in it, one good result of our school organisation - We are more than ever satisfied of its utility - The annual Examination of the Nt Patience school, took place in the Chapel on the 28th ult - There were 108 scholars present, besides a goodly number of parents & friends - The exercises were interspersed with singing by the children, (in which they take great delight) & passed off very pleasantly - All seemed interested, & highly gratified at the evidence of improvement, which their children exhibited; & in comparing their privileges, with their own bitter lot, bro't up in Slavery's school of ignorance & oppression - some of their remarks were truly affecting - The promptness & accuracy with which questions in Mental Arithmetic were answered by the smaller scholars, would have done credit to any school - Indeed, the recitations generally, showed that the pupils possessed minds & hearts, & that they were being developed & improved in such a manner, as to shed on their future prospects the bright beams of hope & promise -

You ask for "reliable information concerning changes of prospects for the Island in general" I doubt if I know that I understand definitely what you wish - If you mean the moral & religious condition of the people at large, I must take more time & space than I can now afford - You may refer to the political difficulties & embarrassments under which the people are suffering - You are doubtless aware, that there has been an open rupture between the Gov & Council, & House of Assembly - the former have several times vetoed the Retrenchment Bill & other measures of popular reform, having for their object the relief of the Ds-funnists financial embarrassments - And so sharp has been the controversy, & so bitter the spirit of the Executive, that the House have refused to transact any further business, with the Council: In the meantime the country is left without a revenue, as the Gov has refused to sign the necessary Bills - & matters are becoming more deeply involved. To cap the climax of his rashness & inconsistency, the Gov. has pardoned not less than 100 convicts - many of them of the very worst class - & turned them loose to prey upon the property & jeopardise the lives of loyal, faithful subjects! A more odious & unjustifiable act has scarcely been performed by the French Usurper himself - Indeed, the home Government has become quite ashamed of its Representative & he has already been recalled - A new Gov - has been appointed who was expected to sail for Jam, the first of the present month - All parties are anxiously awaiting his arrival - When shall we have men who fear God, to rule over us? The Yellow fever is still raging in the neighbouring towns, & is very malignant - Mrs R. joins in Christian love - Your namesake is growing finely, & bids fair to become an important (?) member of the Mission. Mrs R's health has not been good since I wrote. She is now better now Your affte Bro A. McRichardson

Rev Dr Fox
Lucy Ann

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2194
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Sept. Aug 15/53

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Cor. Sec. A. M. A. } Sear[illegible]

In making my report I am sorry that I am not able to present a more encouraging state of things. And yet, I consider the present state much better than at my former time of reporting. The true condition of the people & the embarrassments under which we labour, arising from influences beyond our control, are not to be known by the superficial observer - neither can they be correctly reported by the best informed. I ~~do~~ flatter myself, however, that our labours have not been in vain - that a good influence has been exerted far beyond the limits of our congregation.

We have received twelve persons on profession, during the year. Our house of worship is generally full on the sabbath. The Sunday School numbers between 70 & 80, besides an adult Bible class. Number of members in the church is 50.

Whole amount contributed by the Church to Cor. ending July 1/53 £38.2.8½
Which has been appropriated as follows - viz.

For School purposes, toward paying teacher	£4.16.0
" Poor of the church	2.16.4½
" Labour (part of in labour) repairs Mfg. & S. house - int. Taxes &c	17.10.4
" African Mission	3.0.0
	£28.02.8½

Aforesaid amount

~~This last amt. to be charged to my a/c & p. into funds of the society~~ - Our hope is in God. Our health is perfectly restored.

~~Respectfully Submitted~~

~~(I have [illegible] a word from you since [illegible] Yours truly S. M. Way~~

Rev. J. M. Way
Jamaica
Aug 15-1853

ARCHIVES
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Eliot. Aug 16, 1853

Dear Brother - I have just had an interview with Miss Shaw, & offered to make arrangements for her return to the U.S. immediately - She replied, that she expected to make her home in Jamaica, & therefore did not wish any assistance from the Soc - to return - She also said that she should not expect the Ex. Com - to aid her in returning at a future day - What her plans are, I cannot now say - In haste, with love - Pray for us - Yours aff Bro A. M. R

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2196
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Aug 17th /52

Dear Brother Whipple.

I have had several conversations with brother Woolcott, relative to my going to Jamaica, I suppose you have received intelligence from him, ere this. as to his wish in this matter. He expressed to me in his last conversation that he should be very much disappointed if I did not return with him. I think brother W— has given me a true account of the state of things in Jamaica. I must acknowledge it was rather a dark picture; but still I am not disheartened. I feel that if I go God will go with me and prosper me in that whereto he will send me. I say emphatically I wish to go. My Intention is, if possible, more anxious to go than myself. We have been making some preparations for our anticipated labors I feel that the Society will do what is best in our behalf; but yet I shall not feel entirely at ease till I learn your entire wishes and intentions in regard to us I suppose I ought to know how much you propose

to give me for my support. I would that I were able to do all for myself, and thus relieve the society of one item of expense, or enable it to extend its influence still farther. All that I can do I will do cheerfully as God would have me. I expect to leave Oberlin next Thursday for Michigan on a visit. I shall be absent a week or so from this place. If you can reply to this so that I can receive it before I go west you will highly favor me. —

That God will bless and direct you, as a society, what to do is the prayer of your brother in Christ

Amos B Hille

Amos B. Hille
Oberlin - O
Aug 2/5-3
Ex. Com.
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Y. Ladies wrote both sheets to Lyons of theirs.

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Elyria August 11 - 1853 -

Rev. G. Whipple.

My Dear Brother,

I received yours of the 11th inst. yesterday, and also from Br. Joelyn.

I am very sorry to find myself the occasion of pain and anxiety to you, especially in a matter so closely related to the missionary work in general, & to the attainment of liberty for the slave who lies weeping, bleeding at our side; for I am persuaded that these objects are most dear to us both - to every christian heart. I regret, probably more than any one, that I am able to do so little in their behalf, - to say nothing of harm done. In so far as I have failed to make a good impression, or succeeded only in making a bad one, through indiscretion or any other fault of my own, I have not one word of apology or justification to offer. So far as fault may lie in the simple want of ability I can only say, I have done the best I could -

On two occasions I have had reason to regret that I had done so poorly - one in my first attempt in public. I had too much to say for any one discourse to say any thing well, and I did not make a good selection, - I made some things too prominent, & omitted other things that had better have been said. The other instance similar to the first so far as respects too great prominence to a particular topic - The relation of

an anecdote or two, or an incident illustrative of the grossly adulterous character of a heathen people, however impressive upon a heathen congregation or upon a company of missionaries, is evidently stripping the thing too naked, sometimes, for the refined & delicate sensibilities of an American audience. Too harshly to touch that sensibility is to throw a no small obstacle in the way of a favorable reception of what one may have to say. Having knowledge of my sin, I trust I shall not repeat it. A missionary, accustomed to looking upon naked men & women, may be in danger of saying what would be shocking to more delicate natures.

As for "Painting the canvass too black" in my descriptions of things in Jamaica, I cannot accuse myself of fault. Whatever coloring there is, it has long since been laid on by other hands than mine. I have never brought to view, in public, those darker lines so abundantly thrown upon the real living picture, and seen in the more private, the common every day affairs of Jamaica life. I have presented only the more obvious facts - facts in general possession; and in so doing I do endeavor to correct the many misapprehensions which I find afloat. Of my success, others, perhaps can best testify.

If I had time, & dared to trust your patience I should like to call your attention to some of my principal statements which constitute so "strong an

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argument against emancipation"! and ask you what sort of common sense there is in such an assumption.

I am fully aware that my statements, or more properly speaking, my full & frank admissions of undeniable facts are assumed by proslavery, and antislavery conservative men, to constitute a strong objection to emancipation; and for this reason I am more than willing to notice them. And if when I have unanswerably answered the objection by the true force of the facts themselves, as I think I invariably do, any still hold to the objection, or especially pretend to charge me with the folly of framing an Antiemancipation argument, I must pity their weakness or distrust their candor. But it is rather surprising that sensible & thoroughly anti-slavery persons should adopt the same mode of reasoning and, seeming frightened out of their wits, grant that if such be the facts slavery has the argument. And if any such assume that when I admit the facts, as I certainly do, I shake hands with slavery, that is their mistake, not my fault. If they would have me hide the facts for fear their presentation will do harm, why, their judgment & mine differ. They would wrest from me my best weapon with which to crush the viper. If they cannot, they must allow me to use them. To give you a clue to my idea let me put a case — a strong one — Grant that the emancipated in Jam. are in a worse condition, physically & morally, with freedom than in slavery; what sort of logic is it to say 'therefore emancipation is an evil'? Just what it would be if we should suppose a wretched victim to

some murderous cupidity, robbed, wounded & dying, picked up by some 'good Samaritan', and in spite of the 'oil & the wine' grew worse & died. This day, therefore the 'good Samaritan' killed him.

The spirit of Slavery alone, with its allies, has done all the work. This has created the 'valley of dry bones'. And to criminate freedom for not at once effecting a resurrection, is but a lie blasphemously issuing from the mouth of the same detestable heart ——— Thank you for your faithful suggestions.

Bro. A. B. Mills & intended consent to go to Jam. if you see fit to send them. & they will be ready about the middle of October. I dont know what you intend to do with Miss Woodruff, and with that young man — a Mr. Hathaway was it? — who proposed to go out some time ago — I think more persons might be obtained at Oberlin if they were wanted. Bro. Richardson I presume has, or will soon write you definitely who & what are wanted in the mission. Bro. Jocelyn suggests that I should be at the annual meeting in Sept. Perhaps that would not be well for me or for our mission. But I should like to be present. I should like to give any who may think me not sound on mission or anti slavery matters an opportunity to grill me sharply — but most of all, I would like to be able to add something to the interest of the occasion by being an instrument for bringing prominently & justly into public view our mission — Let me hear from you often — write bro. A. B. Mills. All well. The Lord be with you

Truly Yours —

Seth T. Wolcott

Rev. Seth T. Wolcott — Elyria, Ohio — Aug 17/53

* I think they were of the right sort.

Welcome

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO. FI-2198
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Aug 19th 1853

Rev. Geo Whipple

My Dear Brother- In my Report of our Schools,- which I have just forwarded you- I find some inaccuracies, upon looking it over more leisurely- the Statistics were prepared away from home, & in the copy forwarded to Newport, the Receipts are not all included- I therefore give below a rectified copy, requesting you to insert it, instead of the one sent, in the printed Report-

Rev. A. M. Richardson
Jamaica
August 19 1853

Rev. Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman
New Yo

Rev G. C. Wolcott
Elyria Ohio
Letter dated 19 Aug 1853

Elyria 19 Aug. 1853

J. J. Jocelyn

My Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th inst is before me with letters from Jennings & one from bro. Whipple I have replied to bro W and directed to N.Y. as I thought perhaps he might not remain at Syra

I suppose you will read that and get the idea - I met last eve. with a case of the same sort as intimated there it is this - Since my lecture here a week ago last Sabbath, a stiff conservative meeting one of our true ~~anti~~slavery friends who did not hear me, says "well Mr. W— Mr. Wolcott dont agree with" you. he dont go

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your hot emancipation doctrine, turning the 'niggers' all loose when they cant take care of themselves'—

I stated my positions to Mr. W. in nearly the same language used in my lecture as I have it written— 'Why' says he! 'that's a very different story from what Mr. represented'— Our good antislavery & free mission friends here seem to have been well satisfied— they met me with something like this— 'Well, I have been a good deal puzzled about the state of things in Jamaica; so many conflicting accounts, but its all straight enough now— why I seem to see it just as though I was right there amongst them.'

Now perhaps I have not been so superlatively careful as I might have been, but I do always meet distinctly and fully answer the very objection persisted in—

The reasoning is this— 'if so & so be facts, emancipation is an evil— Mr. W. admits the facts, therefore he does not believe in emancipation.'

I say such are the facts— the legitimate offspring of slavery only— own the child sir, if you please— freedom begets a better progeny— I thank you for your kind suggestions— for your invitation to be at the Anniversary— and, as my eye has just caught your offer to pay expenses, I more think I shall be there— We hope to be in Troy again, say the week previous to the meeting at Worcester.

The friends in these parts are endeavoring to do something for you— I shall write you again soon— I haste to put this in the office— Love to all—

Affect'ly yours
Seth S. Wolcott

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Please direct the
enclosed to Miss Dean —
S. F. W.

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Aug. 21. 1854

Received from S. T. Wolcott the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars for the year ending Aug 31st 1854

$375.00

C. P. Fleming

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Mt Joy Aug 23 1863

Dear Brother Whipple

Will you please to send to my mother the sum of Twenty Five Dollars as soon as you receive this without fail for she is in very needy circumstances

I asked you last feb to send her the money & you say nothing about it to me & sister says she has not received it ~~so~~ I conclude you did not send it, else it is lost by the way. Sisters health has been very poor since I left the states the last time & I have some fears that it will become my duty to return & take care of my aged & feeble mother.

I wait my Fathers orders

I am twice sorry that I am so offending first for the offence & secondly for the loss I sustain If I am ever fortunate enough to gain my reputation I will take the precaution to have my words doubly refined in lower crucible ere they are packed for New York. I am sure I love every body & am desirous that every body should love me, & if I knew what to do to effect the latter I would set about it this minute. I succeed so well in pleasing little folks, I sometimes think the fault is in the want of a childlike spirit in my taller friends

Mary Pollard
Aug 23 1863

but my last & firm conclusion is that the fault is entirely in this me. I have set about the work of uprooting & uprighting & I hope you will yet see me as a corner stone polished after the similitude of a palace if some of I shall not be spited in the least if you make a wandering pilgrim of me, for if I have the privilege of making a home for myself it will be a happy home, since there is no spot on this fair earth that has no charms for me.

In great haste your wayward sister Mary Dean

P. S. If you sent the money & it is lost, Please direct it to Rev A. H. Fletcher Mendon Illinois & then it may reach sister safely.

I have just had three weeks rest & a very pleasant time visiting in the mission. Feel quite well & begun school yesterday with new life & courage. Had 34 'picks' to begin with.

Final P S If you dont send me that bell & Melodeon, when I get copper enough I will send & buy them. So

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Rev. O. M. Cossaboom
Chamberlain
August 1, 1853
Chief Chief

Brainerd Station-

Annual Report
Aug 1853

Reviewing the years labors, Mr. N

The retrospect of another year of missionary life & labor can hardly be said to be one of unmingled satisfaction and encouragement- Not that it has been a year of peculiar trials & discouragements- But we see so much unaccomplished, which we had fondly hoped to accomplish- so many plans for doing good, but partially carried into effect- & that partly owing, perhaps, to our neglect or want of ability- And then to see, sometimes, the opening buds of promise, blasted by one fierce gale of temptation; & souls, whom we had hoped & longed exceedingly to guide safely to heaven, & plant as unfading gems in the Redeemer's crown of glory- borne on the dark current of sin, "down to the gulf of black despair"- These are results, that may well fill the heart with sorrow & sadness in the retrospect, altho there may be much to relieve & mitigate our grief- In laboring among this people, one is constantly reminded of the almost despairing exclamation of the Prophet- "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil"- most men are the slaves of habit- But some habits, are much more pernicious than others- And here are a people, yet free, so far as legal servitude is concerned, & yet in iron bondage to all those vile habits, & filthy, degrading practices, that Slavery so fruitfully engenders- the Emancipation Act of 1833, left them in the horrible pit where human tyranny & oppression had plunged them- fast bound in the chains of vice, ignorance & superstition! Be it remembered, (in estimating the evils of Slavery) that no human power, can ever break the chains it forges, for the minds & souls of its victims!

I verily believe, that the heathenism of Slavery, is worse than the heathenism of Idolatry - I speak of its moral influence, over the minds & hearts of the great body of its subjects - (But pardon this digression - I did not mean to write a homily.) I have made these remarks, lest the churches at home, running this to be a nominally christian country - should overlook the actual state of things, & lose sight of the difficulties to be encountered, in preparing the way of the Lord, in the hearts of this people - We are neither surprised nor discouraged, at the obstacles that present themselves - We believe that God's grace is sufficient to overcome them all, & gather from among this despised people, rich trophies of His saving power - We have not witnessed, during the past year, any special manifestations of the presence & power of the Holy Spirit, working upon the hearts of this people - Yet there has been, a good degree of general interest exhibited, in a full & stated attendance upon the preaching of the word, & other means of religious instruction - Some in the church, have evidently been benefitted & quickened in the Divine life, while, ~~here & there~~, one by one, a few of the impenitent have hopefully submitted their hearts to Christ - There has been an unusual number of deaths this ~~past~~ year, both in the church & congregation, altho' they have not been occasioned by the ravages of any contagious disease - In one instance, I was called upon to attend three funerals in a single day - One was drowned, & another died a most shocking death in child bed, the fruit of an illicit connection. Still another, a mother in the prime of life, with a family of young children around her - rose one Sabbath morning in usual health, went to her field to ~~set~~ some cane, & on her return, (after having a quarrel with one of her neighbors) was seized with a spasm that rendered her helpless, & in 3 or 4 hours she was a corpse!

Yet it was currently reported, (& doubtless believed by the mass of ignorant among the people) that she had been killed by an Obeah dose! How slow of heart are men, to believe & acknowledge the hand of God, in the judgments that overtake them for their sins! None of the superstitious & wicked practices of Obeahism &c, have fallen under my notice during the past year than ever before - Some two months since, a man of considerable of intelligence, connected with my congregation, came to me one morning in great perplexity, to 'show minister his trouble'. Upon inquiring, I found that some evil designing persons, had been trying to 'Obeah him'. They had been during the night, & buried a bottle & sundry things at the gate leading into his yard - Having often had the folly of such things pointed out to him, he resolved to break away from the trammels of superstition, & went boldly (?) & dug it up & threw it into the bush - But when he came the next morning, & found that another had been put in its place, during the night, his sense & courage both failed him, & his superstitious fears returned upon him with redoubled power - In his extremity he came to beg minister to go & break the fatal spell! When I found that I could neither reason nor laugh him out of his fright, I agreed to go - to after waiting an hour or two, - to perform a marriage ceremony in the Chapel - I mounted my horse, & after a ride of two or three miles, I reached the place - But instead of some frightful looking object, I merely found a junk bottle, filled with ashes & water, with an egg placed over the orifice instead of a cork, & bound on with a strip of white cloth, wound with an abundance of black linen thread - the whole surmounted by a small piece of silver coin! The bottle was buried to the neck, in the middle of the path, & no one dared to step over it, to passout or come in! They had cut up

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a quantity of limes & squeezed out the juice upon it, & scattered them around, for the purpose, I suppose, of driving away the evil spirit: (Many of them have great faith in the purifying virtues of Lime juice, often pouring it upon the coffin after it is placed in the grave.) Several of the neighbors had assembled curious to know what I would do - I quietly removed the bottle from its place of deposite - gave the piece of money to a little girl that stood by, nothing loth to receive it - & then proceeded to examine the different articles, one by one, remarking upon the folly & absurdity of supposing that any harm could come from such things - I appealed to the man to know if he were frightened by them? "Yes, Minister truth: me fraid: me fraid!" She said not one of the neighbors would touch or go near it - One man, however, offered to dig it up for eight dollars!! She was, probably, the very one who put it there, & taken that way to extort money from his superstitious neighbor! They frequently work upon the imagination in this way, until persons are really made sick & likely to die, & then persuade them to give them money to save their lives! Had I time, I could mention several cases of this kind, within my own knowledge - But I forbear - Ignorance & Superstition go hand in hand the world over. In reference to our present spiritual condition, it is proper that I should state, that some two months since, we appointed special meetings for prayer (to be held simultaneously on Tuesday eve - of each week, in five different neighborhoods. From 20 to 30 are usually present at each place of meeting, ~~& we feel that they are doing good~~. They have already been blest to the awakening of an increased spirit of prayer among Christians, & in the development of new cases of interest among the impenitent. For the past few weeks, we have enjoyed some encouraging indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit, working on the hearts of the people - We hope with trembling, & pray expectantly "Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain!" (Continued)

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any of the funds contributed for the General Purposes of the Soc from this appropriate channel, might it not be advisable?
Br & Sister Moffat & Mrs R. unite in Christian love & kind remembrance to yourself & family, & the other members of the Ex-Committee —
A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-2204 FISK UNIV.
Have is your health? I trust much better than when you last wrote — Have you no one as yet in Br Hamed's place, to help you bear your heavy burdens?
It is bad economy to work one man to death, while waiting for somebody to help him!
The Lord grant you strength & grace according to your circumstances, is my earnest prayer

Yours Affly A. M. R.

Rev. G. W. Richardson

I forgot to mention that the brethren from Brandon still presented a request to have a school opened at that station. They are making arrangements to secure premises, & Br Hall has been instructed to make further inquiries & report to the Mission. They undoubtedly need a school, in connection with that church & station. Cannot the Ex-Com send out with Br Moleott, at least 3 male & as many female teachers? They will all find fields of labor in waiting for them.

Should the Com approve our recommendation to open a Normal School, what would you think of our making a special appeal thro' the columns of the Am. Missionary for funds for that object? If we could do so, without diverting

Schools	Teachers	No. Scholars	Daily Attendance	Funds Raised
33				18

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~~Jamaica Mission~~

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School Report

Aug – 1853

To Collins Fordham Esq

Number of schools connected with the Mission, 7.

Teachers employed, 9.

Arrangements have also been made, during the past year for opening two other schools, within the bounds of the Mission. They are to be located at Belgar and Rock River, in the midst of a large & destitute population. The former place is some 3½ miles from Brainerd, in the Parish of St Thomas-in-the-Vale, & the latter about the same distance from Eliot in the Parish of Metcalfe. Land has been purchased, & buildings are in course of erection, & the people are anxiously awaiting the opening of the schools, which we hope will not be long delayed. Teachers will be needed, either to occupy these fields, or to take charge of others that may be vacated, should it be tho't advisable to send those, who have had some experience in teaching here, to these new localities.

The Ex-Com. are aware that we have a local Board called the "Jamaica Voluntary School Association" organised a year & a half since, for the better management of our schools, & the advancement of the cause of Christian Education among our own people, & in destitute localities around us. The first regular Anniversary of this organisation, was held at Brainerd Chapel on the 3d inst. The house, which will accommodate not less than 300 people, was well filled, at an early hour, with an attentive & interested congregation, of whom upwards

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of 200 were children connected with our schools—
a liberal supply of refreshments was provided by the
people for the children & strangers from abroad— all
the teachers employed by the Assn were present, & handed
in written Reports respecting the condition of their schools—
The Directors (two of whom are chosen from among the
people at each station, & associated with the Minister
in the management of the school) also presented a
statement of the Receipts & Expenditures for each school—
The forenoon was occupied in listening to the annual
address by Rev. L. Thompson & in speeches from others
both upon subjects previously assigned— the afternoon
was taken up with the presentation & discussion of
the various Reports— In the evening there was an
Exhibition of Paintings by means of a Magic Lantern,
that afforded much amusement & instruction, & also
excited much wonder among the people— the exercises all
passed off pleasantly, & were of such a character as was
adapted to leave a wholesome & salutary impression
upon the minds of those present—

I am directed to lay before you the following
summary of the most important statistics,
contained in the several Reports—

Rev. A. M. Pinkerton
Secretary
Boston
August 1 1853

Schools	Teachers	No. Scholars	Daily Attendance	Funds Raised
Mt Patience	Mr & Mrs Moffat	164	75	$111.64
Eliot	Miss Mary Hume	55	25	50.00
Oberlin	Mr Chas Lines	68	30	23.04
Providence	Miss Maria Hicks	48	23	9.90
Chesterfield	" Mary Lear	50	25	29.79
Dome Pen	Mr & Mrs Benning	58	26	12.24
Golden Vale	Miss Margaret Stuart	70	20	
	Total	513	224	$ 236.61

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Recd from Friends in England	144.00
" Sabbath School Franklin Mass	30.00
" " " State St. ch. Rochester N.Y.	7.00
	417.61

It should be stated that the unusual disproportion between the whole no. of pupils, & the average, daily attendance is to be chiefly ascribed to two causes 1st Several of the schools are located in the vicinity of large rivers, that are frequently so swollen by the rains, as to be impassable for days & even weeks together. In this way the schools are often very much reduced in numbers. 2d Schools in this country are generally taught only 4 days per week. This arrangement we believe to be a bad one, anywhere - but especially here, where home influences are almost only evil, & that continually. We have felt that it was very desirable (if not quite indispensable, to success) to keep the children in school at least 5 days in the week; otherwise much of the labor bestowed, would be thrown away. But our teachers have found it no easy task to introduce such an innovation. Many parents want their children to stay at home & work on Fridays or else go to market. The result has been, that, while there has been a gradual

over

gain, where the experiment has been faithfully and perseveringly tried— still, less than 1/3 the usual number have attended school on an average that day— the average attendance at Mt Patience school, during 4 days in the week, has probably exceeded 100— and the other schools, in the same proportion—

Orthography, Reading, Writing, Geography & Arithmetic (mental & written) are taught in all our schools— and Grammar & Composition in most— So far as I have been able to learn, but one opinion has been expressed, respecting the character of the schools connected with our Assn. All agree that our Teachers are competent, self denying & devoted to their work— sparing neither time nor strength in their efforts to enlighten & improve those committed to their care— And what is most important of all, we believe they love the souls of these dark-browed children, just as well, as tho' shrined in a casket of pearl, instead of ebony— and are anxiously & hopefully laboring for their salvation— If evidence were wanting of interest felt, by both parents & children, in our schools— it is found in the fact that they are so well attended, while many of the schools around us, have been given up, because parents cannot be induced to send in their children, even where no charge is made for their instruction— If the cause be sought for, it will be found that in some instances, persons addicted to drinking, & other gross immoralities, have been intrusted with the sacred charge of training the youthful mind: Let pious, faithful teachers be employed, who love their work & long to do good, & they will find work enough to do, & they shall not lose their reward—

In behalf of the Assn } W. F. Neal — Chairman
A. M. Richardson Secy

Report of Devon Pen Station for the year ending Aug 1853

Added to the Church, by letter 2, on profession 5 = 7
Excommunicated 4. Removed by death 2.
Present number of members in the Church 19.

Account of money received from the Church & Congregation.

	£	s	d
Sabbath collections for general purposes on the Station	1	17	10½
For the Minister's support		1	17 10½
For African Mission about		14	0
		3	19 9

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It should be stated also that the brethren, who are able, have given three or four days work on the station premises. & about three days towards improvements on the chapel.
The most encouraging feature at this station is the attendance of children at the Sab. & Day schools. In this particular, of sending out their children to school, the people are manifesting an increasing interest in the cause of Education. If it continue, the result will perhaps be an improvement in their school contributions, which have been very small during the past year.

Devon Pen Station
August 1853
report

ARCHIVES
Devon Pen

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2207
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Sept. 15th/55

Dear Brother Whipple.

I have been waiting with some anxiety to know the action of your Society relative to my present or immediate destiny. It is now four weeks since I wrote you my last; and as a matter of course I have wondered not a little at your long delay to answer my letter. I have been on a visiting tour to Michigan since I wrote you. On my return I was sure I should find a letter from you; but for some good reason no doubt I was disappointed. Saturday last brother Woolcot wrote me from Cleveland saying that he had not heard from you since I wrote you. He could not divine the reason that neither of us had heard from you. He left Cleve, I suppose, on Tuesday of this week for Dog.

He cautioned me against over-anxiety in regard to this matter. He thought there was no doubt but that the society would send us. — I suppose you are apprised of my marriage as you doubtless have the Oberlin Evangelist. We have been making some preparations for our work and are still on the strength of your advice and what I have received from brother Wolcot and brother Cook who saw you in New York two months since. — We expect to remain in Ohio three weeks longer and then visit our friends in western N.Y. You see from this that what we have to do must be done quickly. What things we possess are here and shall of course wish to take with us when we start for the east. I earnestly hope you will inform us as soon as possible what is the wish of the society.

Your brother in Christ
Amos B. Hills

P.S.

I shall be within two & a half miles from Elyria the rest of the time I remain here so, you may direct there

A. B. Hills

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. B. Hills
Oberlin O
Sept 18/63

Sent notice of his
appointment to him
at Elyria, Sept 19,

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Brainerd Station Jam Sept 16. 1853

Rev. Geo Whipple

My Dear Brother — as the acting Sec^ty of the Mission, it devolves upon me to communicate to you a resolution passed at our late meeting at Providence on the 12th inst — the question of establishing a school for the education of native teachers, being under consideration, after an animated & interesting discussion, it was unanimously "Voted — that we recommend to the Executive Committee the reopening of the High School at Brainerd, as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made for that purpose" L. Thompson. Chairman

A. M. Richardson Sec

It is proper that I should state, that the present flourishing condition of our schools, together with the unusual interest recently awakened in the minds of the people, on the subject of Education, have led to this action — We are more than ever convinced, that we see in the very encouraging prospects, now opening, for the prosecution of the work of instructing the youth of this Island — the finger of Providence, pointing to a department of christian effort, too long & sadly neglected by all classes of missionaries here — It seems to me, that the idea of reaping present fruit, ~~rather than of sowing the seed for a future harvest,~~ is too much dwelt upon by many of the friends of missions — to the neglect of sowing the seed for a future harvest. How often do we hear the missionary spoken of, as one who is entering a harvest field to reap the ripening grain! But, he shall reap, & bring home his sheaves with rejoicing —

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But not, ordinarily, until he has gone forth weeping, bearing the precious seed, & sowing it beside all waters, waiting with faith & patience for the ripening harvest. Is there not danger, that, in our anxiety to be cheered by present results, we may overlook & sacrifice the more permanent & substantial fruits of our labors? ~~Instead of viewing the heathen world, as a field ready for the harvest~~, should we not rather regard the heathen world as a dark, & almost unbroken wilderness — covered with a monstrous growth of sin & wickedness, into which the Missionary is to enter as a pioneer, to clear off, break up, sow & cultivate — until the wilderness is reclaimed & become a fruitful field, & the desert shall blossom as the rose? — Pardon this digression, for I did not sit down to write a homily, but to lay before you a simple statement of facts — ¶ I have referred to recent exhibitions of an increasing interest in the subject of Education among our people — In proof of this, I would say, that since Aug. our schools have nearly all recd quite an accession of members — At Mt Patience they have about 125 in regular attendance, & we have been compelled to refuse a considerable number of applications for admittance, for lack of room to accommodate & strength to instruct them. At Eliot, Oberlin Providence, Chesterfield & Deer Peer, they have an average of 50 scholars each, on their lists — We have also been urged to take under our charge a school at Hope Bay, some 10 or 12 miles this side of Golden Dale, on the sea-shore — ~~It is taught by a brown young man, who receives no aid save what the parents furnish him~~ — It is in the midst of a very destitute population, & would be an eligible

site for a new Station. We ~~greatly~~ much need an intermediate station between us & Golden Dale, as it would greatly strengthen that station & facilitate communication between us. ~~Br Wolcott will explain to you its situation &c.~~ We have not felt at liberty to take charge of the school, as yet, but have voted to recommend an appropriation of £50-0-0 to aid in sustaining it ~~the school~~.

In reference to the opening of a Normal School for Teachers here, we can furnish 15 or 20 young men & women, (from our families & elsewhere) who bid fair to be useful, & whom we are anxious to prepare for Missionaries & Teachers. We think, if the plan meets the approbation of the Ex-Com., that we can make arrangements for opening the school next April (D.V.). She Brethren are of opinion that Br Moffat should take charge of it, for the present, & also, have the general superintendence of Mt Patrick school. Two female teachers could probably manage that, under his supervision. The rooms under our house, once occupied for this purpose, could be fitted up without great expense, & would answer for the present. Should the school flourish, it may be necessary to give up the entire building (for the use of the teacher in boarding the pupils) & put up a small house for the minister separate from the school. The large day & Sab schools here, would afford an opportunity for those preparing to teach to ~~exercise their gifts, & thus~~ gain some experience, & ~~at the same time~~ to be doing good, while pursuing their studies. Such a school would also afford an active stimulus to both parents & children, to encourage them to go on with the work of education. It would be a great to aim at.

~~May we not hope to hear from you more~~ on this subject?

We thank you for the promise of a reinforcement, when Br Wolcott returns, & trust it will be both large & strong in point of numbers, & meetness for the work.

You, (in common with many others,) will be deeply grieved to learn the untimely death of poor Br Evarts. He was attacked by a cow, & thrown some distance, striking on the back of his head & injuring his brain, so that he survived only three weeks! She so far recovered as to be able to resume his work, ~~(she was making)~~ but soon found that the injury was serious, causing occasional fits of derangement for a few hours. For the last few days of his life, he was apparently unconscious, having fallen into a sleep from which it was impossible to awaken him: It would have been a great consolation, to know that his last hours were cheered by the light of a Father's reconciled face, ~~& that he saw & mourned over his wanderings from God & duty.~~ But for aught we know, he died under a cloud of thick darkness, & we are only sure that he is in the hands of one who will do right. ~~Alas for his orphan children! & Dr Hayde been taken, & he left! but no! God knows better than we short sighted mortals, what is for the best.~~ From what I can learn, I fear there is but little manifestation of sorrow, on account of his death, in the family. Mrs Evarts declines all offers of sympathy & aid from her brother & all. What profoundly depravity does the human heart exhibit, when abandoned by the Spirit & grace of God!

The meetings of our Assoc at Providence, on the 13 & 14 inst, were well attended & deeply interesting. Br. A. P. Canning was examined & approved, as one called of God, to labor among the people in word & doctrine. As you are aware, he has had charge of the Congregation at Scituate, most of the time for nearly a year past, & his labors have been very acceptable & profitable. Should he have health, he may yet do much good.

Yours fraternally

A. McLeod Anderson

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2208
FISK UNIV.

Troy 24th Sept 1853

Dear Brother Mospah,

Your note with the letters from the brethren was rec'd last evening, on our arrival from Syracuse.

I perceive that work enough is being laid out by the brethren, & for them to employ more laborers than we are yet getting for that field. I am on the track of a full supply, & good ones, I think, who are ready to go if needed - Had a pleasant time at Syracuse - gave a lecture - Bro. Strieby is there - think he will be at Worcester - You may look for me there - Please prepare yourself with one hour spare time for my especial use with you on business - & as early as possible.

Ever, Yours

Rev. S. L. Wilcox
Troy Sept 24/55

Troy Mond. morning Oct 8th - 53

Dear bro. Whipple

I arrived safely on Sat. morning.

I enclose a letter to bro. Richardson, which please forward.

Please see if you have received anything from Miss Anna Ballard, Quincy, Ill. which demands a reply -

If you should decide in favor of Miss Winters for Sam. it should be in season for her to accompany us - can you let me know immediately? Yours affly

Seth T. Wolcott

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Rev Seth T. Wolcott
Troy
Oct 3/53 N.Y.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2210
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Rev. Geo. Whipple

Kingston, Oct. 31st 1853

Rec'd Nov. 1st 1853

My dear Bro. I am in Kingston on business and find that our files of papers have just arrived. We are glad to receive them. (Sep & Oct.) As a mission we are all in usual health, though Mr Venning of Devon Pen has just buried his youngest, and only child. It was buried last Wed - & my dear wife is complaining of her throat. We are anxiously waiting the arrival of our teachers - We have just heard that a steamer leaves N.Y. on the 5th of Nov. and Bro. Wolcott says he hopes to be able to make arrangements to come by her - I hope he will as he will be here the sooner -

Bro Olds is turned off Golden Vale by Mr Anderson. The chapel he has been using has been denied him, so that he is now without a place to meet his people. He has moved his family to Port Antonio, and for the time being he will meet his people on the Sab. in temporary thatched buildings in different places - I am hard at work at Rock River - School has commenced, and though small yet promising. The young woman, (Miss Maryann Stuart) who was teaching at Golden Vale is now at R.R. She wants to go to School and ought to, and just as soon as we can get a good married teacher to fill her place, she shall, that is, if we get the High School

in operation, which I hope we shall be able to do in the Spring —
I sincerely hope Bro Rolcott will have a teacher for ~~at~~ Rock River in his company. —

I am here in Kingston to get the title for the land drawn out, signed, witnessed & recorded.
We have at the Place 7. 2. 20 which at £2. 10 per Acre amounts to £15. 5. 0. and the house £4. 0. 0 = £19. 5. 0 for the place, — besides this, are the expenses of the repairs of the place —

Dr Clark, our parish physician called on me a few days since and though himself of the Established Church — desired me to take the superintendency of establishing a school in a neighborhood near to his residence. He said the district was a very destitute one —, (which I know to be true having first called his attention to it) He says the Vestry or parish will give £30. or £40. he is sure —

The place is about 4 miles from Eliot about the same distance as at Rock River but in another direction

A good, pious, faithful Married teacher in this district would be of great good to the people —

This is a new field — or one not contemplated in our present fields — But I must close Yours faithfully L Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2211
FISK UNIV.

Monday Evening 11 o'C

My dear Brother

Your kind note was duly received. We have just concluded our arrangements, and by the leave of Divine Providence, will be on our way to Belleville on Wednesday next. We are quite a troop, but your dear wife must not suffer us to jostle her plans ~~of comfort~~.

We will not bother you long, and would not at all, but for our great desire to see the grand curiosity shop.

In haste I am,

Your Truly affec Brother
C. L. Rankin

Rev Geo Whipple.

Rev. C. H. Renshaw

Oct 1/53

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2212
FISK UNIV.

Saratoga Nov. 5th 1853

Dear Brother Whipple.

I have just received yours of yesterday - Cannot answer by telegraph, - none here at present - This will be in time, as it will come to hand on monday.

We will be ready to sail on Saturday next - You may look for us in New York on wednesday - or if we could learn from you at Troy on Tuesday that the vessel would not sail before Monday we would stop in Troy a day later. Suppose you dispatch a line to me on monday - to Troy - Word from bro. Hills says he is mending - no more chills, but weak: hope he will be ready to go with us. Sorry you dont hear from bro. Hatch away - Shall we bring Miss. Woodcock along with us? — Bro. Beardslee wishes me to arrange a bill for him with Fowler's - thro you of course - some $75 more or less —

All well — Yours fraternally
Seth T. Wolcott.

P.S. Mrs. Wolcott is desperately in dread of a sail vessel, but she may be expected to acquiesce when the time comes. See over —

S. T. W

Rev. S. T. Wolcott.
Saratoga Springs
Aug 5/53.

A. M. ARCH. B.
NO. CHESTER
NEW YORK

Pekin. Nov 7th 1853

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Dear Sir. I recd your last letter saturday evening, stating that a vessel was to sail this week for Jamaica, and asking whether I could go on that or not. My goods are still in Ohio and I have business here for the present week so that I cannot be in N.O. in time. I have sent for my effects to be forwarded to N.O. in your care. If you wish to telegraph to me do it by half past eight A.M. and I can get it the same day. It would come from Lockport by mail.

A. B. Hills.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2213
FISK UNIV.

A. B. Wells
Pekin N. Y
Nov 7/53

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2214
FISK UNIV.

Port Antonio Nov 11th 1853

Rev Geo Whipple.

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My dear brother

Although it is a long time since I have received any direct communications from you yet I doubt not that I expected (on account of the multiplicity of your labors) that I should not cease for this reason to write somewhat frequently to you. My last (our annual report) was written in July which I suppose you have duly received. Although I have not heard from home since I was here: not having received as yet the report of the annual meeting for 1853.

Since writing my last some changes have occurred with us. You will notice that this letter is headed at Port Antonio where we are now residing. A word relative to the cause of our change of residence may not be amiss. Premising that at some future time I may have occasion to speak more fully in reference to this matter.

Mr Anderson the Chief of Golden Vale gave us the use of the house of Golden Vale for two years which expired in August last. It was understood between us that if he did not require the house at the expiration of the two years we still could enjoy the use of it for an indefinite time after, or soon to give possession after a reasonable notice if he should require it. About four weeks since he gave us notice that he should require the premises as soon as we could conveniently give possession. And as there was no other house in that neighborhood that we could occupy we have rented our land until we can see what we can do about building. It may not be amiss to say that this course has been taken by Mr Anderson because he was offended at me, the reason of which I will briefly explain. I think I have said to you in a former occasion that Copper to some considerable extent had been recently discovered among some people. But before this discovery Mr A. had found some in another direction and had gone to England to

to form a Company for working his mine. A

About one month after his departure I went into the district where this Copper has been discovered & on my out-appointment after the meeting was closed one of the people brought me a beautiful specimen of Copper ore. In a few days after I called on a family from which a girl was lodging with Mrs Olds. And there I saw another fine specimen of Copper. Suffice it to say I very soon wrote to Mr. Barrett of Kingston, told him what I had found and asked him to come over and take the leases of these places for the purpose of forming a Mining Company. He came & took leases and the result has been that since very rich bodies of Copper have been discovered and there is now every appearance that they will prove immensely productive.

When the Indians learned this he showed great wrath because I did not give them to him instead of giving them to Mr Barrett. His anger is of course all gratitude: for he has no reason for making such a demand, except that it was that we lived in his house. And this was no reason at all for we were keeping the premises from going to pieces. And was not we there he might bid our family to leave. As he did before we went there at an expense of $12 per annum. But then I have decided objections to giving the leases to him. He is essentially overbearing & tyrannical with his people & violent in his temper &c &c. And, I mean it that I had a simple right to ask whom in my heart I thought the best man to come and develop the wealth that had accidentally, I should say providentially been brought to light among my people. I have not injured Mah. I have not taken from him a farthing. My chief offence has been that I did not in his absence introduce him to my people as a kind and good gentleman that would do them right in reference to the mineral wealth that lies under their reservation ground. I am thankful that I did no such a thing.

Mar 11, 1854

Rev. W. O. Duncan

You will be desirous of knowing what arrangements we are making for our future labors. I would say that our people have given manifested so much interest in having the gospel and kindred institutions among them as now.

~~I should say that there are three prominent settlements about Golden Vale~~

We now propose to have a chapel (temporary) in each of these places, and the people are taking hold with great spirit to accomplish the work. In the most prominent settlement we propose to have a ~~chapel~~ building complete by Christmas that will serve both chapel and school room ~~by Christmas~~. And we have the promise that 50 children will be in readiness for the schools.

I now preach at ~~two of~~ three places alternating my labors so as to be at two of them each sabbath ~~and on the following day I go to the other & back to one of the places of preaching the sabbath before~~

By this plan I shall not only reach all that I did before but get many hearers that could not walk as far as Golden Vale. no breath

My present conviction is that this arrangement will be the best permanent ~~arrangement~~ one for this station; and that we shall see ere long that He who does all things well has guided in this matter. And that in this instance he "will make the wrath of man to praise Him, & the remainder thereof he will restrain." Golden Vale is [redacted] school here must often be interrupted by the [redacted] cut off 3/4 of the pupils.

[redacted] last we have organized a Church of [redacted] A few others expect to join us soon. May hosts of the Lord's Elect ere long gather around this little vine planted in this wilderness.

It is now our intention (Deo Volente) to visit the States with your permission the coming season. But you will hear more of this officiall through the bretheren of the Mission Com.

We have had much sickness in our family since my last. And since the beginning of the year we have had no less than seven cases of fever and ague & fever in our family. The last two cases & those that have been among the most severe ones have been our little adopted

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on, and a little boy we have taken that we regard in about the same light. Since coming here they have both become much better. But the little boy has been attacked afresh & he now on his bed with fever.

But I must close as the post waits for me.

Mrs Olds unites with me in the expression of our christian regards for yourself & Mrs Thipple.

Ever & truly
In X^n love
Yours
A. D. Olds

Rev. A. D. Olds
Port Au Prince
Nov/53

Received & answered

Miss Maria Hicks
Jamaica
Nov 14/53

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2216
FISK UNIV.

Mission House Nov 16/57
Providence Station,

My dear Brother Whipple,

Your wee note, acknowleging the reception of one from me, and promising an answer after the pressure of business was over, came safely, and duely to hand. Since I last wrote you, my school has considerably increased, now numbering over 60. In good weather, and when there is not extraordinary sickness, there are usually about 40 in attendance which keeps me plenty busy, from 9 o'c A.M. to 4 or 5 o'c P.M. For a week or two past the school has been small owing to the general prevalence of the hooping cough. One or two of my children have died with it. I think my children get on pretty well, as to intellectual improvement, and I also hope some of them are becoming more honest, and truthful. I feel not discouraged - but full

of hope. The promises of God are sure & steadfast & I know they will not fail. Therefore if I persevere in well doing - I shall reap if I faint not. I had intended to write you a nice good letter, =for far I have many things to tell you. But the Messenger goes to Town sooner than was expected, therefore I must defer my long letter till a more convenient season. I hope your health has greatly improved since your return to the Office. Did you see Mr Porter our friend? Himself & wife visited New York during the past Summer. Will you please pre pay the enclosed which I will mark "Paid". - I will surely write you soon. I hear that Mr Walcott is soon coming back with an array of teachers. Oh how glad we all are. - May you be sustained in your arduous labors & abundantly blessed - is the sincere wish of

Your little Friend
Maria Hicks.

P. S.

Dear Bro Whipple. let me beg of you not to play the critic with this. I'm sure it wont bear close inspection. & I don't think I ever before sent you such a mean affair, but I am in such haste. please excuse it. Maria.

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American Missionary Association in account
1853 with the Jamaica Mission. Cr.

Nov. 19	S. W. Mason	Chairs	$32.00
" "	John Wilson,	Working horse for P. McKay	2.00
" "	A. McPherson,	Stoves & furniture for Hills & Canning	57.09
" "	C. Shepard & Co.	Books	37.48
" "	S. T. Wolcott's Draft,	favor of Fowler & Wells	74.94
	Conduit.	Saddlery	58.39
	Halstead Haines & Co	Dry Goods	52.18
	" " "	"	8.95
	Conduit Horton & Co	Saddles (Hills)	10.25
	Corning & Co.	Hardware "	41.79
			384.37

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. S.
S. S.
S. J. G.
J. C. B.

Jamaica Mission

Mem. from S. P. Ws.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2218
FISK UNIV.

~~Jan. 21~~ Dec 21

91 King Street Kingston Ja.

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother

We are all safe ashore this day 2 O'Clock. – We did not leave the Harbor at 2 P.M. till Wednesday morning 10 for want of wind. As you see, we have had a long time at sea, but, though we were in rather small quarters, we were as comfortable as could well be expected under similar circumstances.

Passengers seemed to think we had hard times & hard fare. The case was, as usual, Nature would not consent to be quiet, and perform her wonted duties amid all the tossings of "Old Neptune" —

Our fare was good for sea fare – not so good as it might have been – Capt. & crew, pleasant and accommodating – Bro. & Sister Hills suffered most from sea sickness. I have received from you the draft from Clark Austin & Co. but have not yet had time to learn what Dr. Barrett will do in the premises. He is corresponding with them – The confidence which I expressed to them in Dr B's integrity I still hold – And I feel sure that if they will keep cool Dr. B. will meet all proper demands, no long time hence. I must wait till another time to write you more particularly – I will do for C. & Co. & Co. the best I can –

We are to go into the mountains tomorrow. I hope to return next week & write you again then. The vessel bringing the remainder of our goods is daily expected. All are well in the mission — Dr. B. says Miss Howe is in a fair way to turn out another Miss Hunt. She is with Mr. Garnet, but report says dissatisfied & wishing to return to America.

The brethren are waiting, hungry for money. For convenience of sale, I have drawn on Mr. Lapham for six hundred & fifty dollars. I may have exceeded somewhat the balance for present quarter; but I hope not so much as to be particularly blameworthy — More soon —

Much love to our esteemed friends at No 48 B.

Fraternally yours
Seth S. Wolcott

Rev. S. S. Wolcott
Monrovia Liber.
Letter from Harrison
Decr 1/58

many dear Mr Jay Dec 31. 1853.

an Nov 18/53

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2219
FISK UNIV.

I cannot close without saying a happy New Year.

Dear Dr Jackson

Since Homoeopathic letter writing has become so fashionable, suppose I must adopt it. Tho' the term homeopath in my vocabulary means quackery. If there were not volumes of meaning in some little words, I shd not attempt to express on this scrap my thanks for your kind remembrance of me, & the precious book you sent. & I am sure you will

have the goodness to believe the compliment felt which is not expressed

I have read 100 pages of the Progress with profit, tho I think it may be compared to our narrow mountain passes whose beautiful & sublime windings some may walk with safety while others stumble & fall into the abyss below.

I have read Madame Guyon & have a volume of her poems translated by Cowper some 70 years since If I thought Mr Metcalf would republish them I would send him the book. The following stanzas (from Cantique 108) are often my song.

To me remains nor place nor time
My country is in every clime;
I can be calm & free from care
On any shore, since God is there.

While place we seek or place we shun
The soul finds happiness in none,
But with a God to guide our way,
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.

Could I be cast where thou art not
That were indeed a dreadful lot;
But regions none remote I call,
Secure of finding God in all.

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'Tis thine to number out our days
Ours to give them to thy praise.

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I think I understand that to be a christian is to be an imitator of Jesus Christ & that I fully desire that Gods will may be done by & concerning me in all things. I have too often had the proof that selfishness is sin & that my wisdom is fully not to abandon self & submit to be governed by perfect Wisdom

Br Walcott & family are now with us for which we rejoice & thank Him who gives us all our blessings

I made a mistake in taking note paper since I shall be obliged to dilute it with another sheet

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I have taken 10 copies of the Childs Paper & I wish the subscription renewed this year also. One of my little black girls who reads it very attentively & understandingly interrupted me the other day with the question "Teacher - why dont the Childs paper say something about the poor little slave children in America" I hardly knew what to reply & said may be it will some time - I have half a mind to write & ask Mr Hallock the same question

It is a beautifully clear day & the Mts of Cuba may be distinctly seen in the distance over the sea, from my North window, rearing their lofty summits to the skies. The white winged ships are floating between & the sight in itself is exceedingly grand But the remembrance that those hills are stained with the blood of oppression, & those ships are bearing no glad tidings to the oppressed detracts from the loveliness of the scene & turning my eyes to God exclaim O Lord how long

My vision is strengthened by imagination & a little beyond I see my own country spoiled & robbed of her beauty till my heart sickens & my blood chills under a tropical sun

You say our cause is advancing & the friends of freedom are increasing, this revives me a little & I say adieu to the old year with hope that 54 will give the monster slavery some [illegible] wounds which he cannot long survive

I [illegible] Br W a certificate of life membership from the Western Home & foreign Miss Asso

M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2220
FISK UNIV.

for the money which was
sent to you from Utnesville
There seems to have been
a mistake somewhere —

I have pressed a very
large plantain leaf for
Br Whipple & have small
herbarium on hand of ferns
& flowers. If you would like
anything of the kind give
me a hint in your next
& I will send the first op-
portunity I have not yet
seen Mrs Carpenter but
hope to soon. In very great
haste from your Missionary My Dear

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2221
FISK UNIV.

Extract of letter to P. M. Way

Copy

It gives me much pain to inform you that Miss Howe has manifested a highly bad spirit since she has been here. She is extremely heady & self-willed, and self sufficient. I prepared a very pleasant schoolroom for her, and promised if she should come to an agreement $30 for this year, and board free. But none of the arrangements suited her, and she would not enter heartily into the work unless the whole matter should be made to please her. Besides this, she remarked that we did not deal in the right way with the people; and in order to show us our duty she went from house to house, spending the day, & in one case, slept out during the night, and brought down remarks from many of the congregations, for one of the inmates of the house was of bad reputation. Such proceedings by a stranger and without consulting any one, made respectable people unwilling to put their children under her care. But this is not all. When these things transpired, & still further developments of her spirit were made, I could not consistently employ her, and told her this, but invited her to remain as my guest as long as she pleased, and offered to return her all the expenses she had been to in coming down. But she continued to go about saying

discord among my ~~people~~ peaceful congregation.
And without my knowledge this day opened
an opposition school with 4 pupils ——

Signed

Wm H Garnet

Written from Sterling Park, Grange Hill P.O.

Oct 31. 1853

S. T. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Letter to Garnet Editor

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EP2222
FISK UNIV.

Brother Whipple

I omit in my report that I say that Copper in considerable quantities had been discovered in this neighborhood. I have thought it might not be amiss for me to say that about the middle of April when I went to one of my outstations on a Wednesday, one of my people brought me a beautiful specimen of Copper on his daughter having found it near his premises. On the same week I called on a family from which a girl had come to study with Mrs. Bolds. And

then I saw another fine specimen
of Copper ore. I immediately went
to the man whose land it was supposed to come from and although
we were both of us perfect novices
in the business we very soon found
some very decided indications of copper
I wrote immediately to our friend
Dr Barrett of Kingston of what
I had found and asked him to come
over & see if sufficient indications
could be discovered to warrant the formation of a Company. And in the
mean time an American Colored
man who has worked in the Copper
mines of Jamaica enough to be
well skilled in judging of copper
some indications came along &
wanted employment. I set him to
searching in the neighborhood of
which I spoke and before Dr B. arrived he had found three or four good
Lodes of Copper! When he Dr B.
came he went to securing the mineral
Lands (which seem a certain proportion of the minerals to the proprietor free of cost) of the prospectors
around. And at the same time keeps
this young Colored American with
others exploring. And to our surprise they have found most abundant
indications of Copper. Although this

had been much searching for Coal in this parish yet this neighborhood had been wholly overlooked.

By an arrangement with Mr B. altho the Lease &c &c are all in his name I am to share equally with him in any benefits that may arise from it.

It is certainly a very mysterious Providence that has thrown this in our way. And I doubt not God has some wise end He designs to accomplish by it. May we have grace to seek the attainment of those ends that God would have us attain.

Remember us kindly to the children of the Ex Com.

Yours &c

A. Oldis

NATIONAL ARCHIVES NO.

(continued)

The following ~~Statistics~~ present ~~will give~~ a general idea of the external prosperity of the Brainerd Station

Average Congregation upwards of 400
Under Sabbath School Instruction " " 200
Attending Inquiry Meetings ——— 25
Number added to the Church 10 - (Eight on Profession)
" Excommunicated 8 -
" Deceased 9 - Dismissed by Letter 1 -
" Adults Baptised 5
" Children " 13
Present No^r of Members 126 -

Contributed for Support of the Gospel	$105.63
" " building Chapel Seats	120.60
" " Station & Church purposes	43.33
" " Missionary "	32.97
" " Mt Patinde School	111.64
	414.17

In addition to the above, several dollars in money & several weeks' labor, have been given by a portion of our people towards the erection of a School house at Belgar - A frame 16 x 24 feet has been put up & covered with a neat substantial roof. ~~of a school house~~ If prospered, we shall have it completed before Christmas, & hope to open a school with the opening year. We feel greatly encouraged by the increase of the people's contributions for Religious & Educational purposes the past year. It will be seen by a comparison of the above Statistics with the last year's Report, that the actual amt of money paid in this

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-2223 FISK UNIV.

Sam Mpinsi Brainerd Report 1855

Received 6

year, is more than double, what it was last. I think the people are beginning to feel & bear more cheerfully, the burden of responsibility. And there is still room for improvement. The Not Patience school, under the faithful & judicious management of Br & Sister Moffat, has been in a highly prosperous & flourishing condition. The average attendance for the last 3 or 4 months has been 95 - more than double what it was last year. And it is a matter of special gratitude & thankfulness, that health & strength have, thus far, been granted them, to sustain the increasing weight of care & labor thus pressing upon them -

Altho' we cannot raise our Ebenezer in commemoration of any remarkable displays of God's converting grace, yet we are far from being disheartened, or supposing that no good has resulted from our labors - We believe something has been done for the present, & we trust much for the future good of this dear people - And while we feel deeply humbled in view of our unfaithfulness & inefficiency, we would be thankful for sparing mercy & goodness, & thank God & take courage.

Your Bro in the Gospel
A. McRickard

P.S. Two months before the date of his report Br McRice established special prayer meetings to be held simultaneously on Tuesday evening of each week, in five different neighborhoods. From 20 to 30 are usually present at each place of meeting. They have already been blest to the awakening of an increased spirit of prayer among christians & in the developement of new cases of interest among the impenitent -

BATES ARCHIVES EL-22214 UNIV.

Kingston Jan 4 - 1854

Rev. G. Whipple

My Dear Brother.

My last to you was written immediately after our arrival, Dec. 19 and sent by Mr. Maxwell. I promised to write you again soon. I reached Shermitage late on Saturday night, the 24th ult. just in time to hold Christmas with our people. Wife & little George went to Brainerd - I took Henry with me.

We receive a very hearty greeting from the people & Sabbath congregations very large and all "so glad to see minister" -

A mission meeting was held last week on tuesday at Brainerd, but business was not concluded until yesterday, at Oberlin -

I should have written you from O. and had the signature of the chairman of our meeting added to my own had time allowed. Such is the nature of the present communication that I regret it could not have been so.

Items of business to which I must call your attention are as follows.

1st Voted to recommend to the Ex. Com. of the A. B. C. F. M. an appropriation for building purposes for the current year, the sum of ~~six~~ hundred dollars $600.

2d Con. an appropriation for the purchase of a

[illegible]

four acres obtained at Oberlin, at ten dollars per acre - whole amount, adding the cost of title and recording, say, fifty dollars, more or less.

3d Location of teachers - Miss Woodcock at Eliot - and Mr. Wells at Brainerd Station as teacher for the Out Station at Belgar.

4th Voted to recommend that the salary of the teacher at Chesterfield (Miss Dean) be increased to two hundred dollars per annum

5th That in view of Mr Kenning's advancement to the ministry, and his consequently increased duties & responsibilities his salary be $400, per annum

6th That in view of the increase of Rent in Kingston, making it impossible to obtain rooms, indispensible to the welfare of the Mission, cheap as formerly, the annual appropriation therefor be increased to $100, as the least possible sum for which they can be obtained.

7th Voted that in view of the great advance in the price of provisions, & merchandize in general, averaging 25 per cent above former rates, a corresponding increase of salaries is urgently demanded - And that we recommend an addition to the salary of ministers of $50, each, making the maximum $500, instead of $450, as at present, and to the salary of teachers in the same proportion

8th Voted that the salaries of the newly arrived teachers, Mr Wells, and Miss Woodcock, should be made to correspond with the salaries of other teachers in similar positions

9th Voted that the mission approve of the
templated visit of Mr. & Mrs. Olds to America d
the coming season.

Now dear brother, dont you
it time you were out here to investigate sur
I for one should rejoice to have it so, for it
greatly lighten my ~~weight~~ of personal responsib
A few words in explanation.

The appropriation contemplated in the 1st resolution
is mainly designed for Brainerd Station, and the schoo
at Rock River. Brainerd requires some addition
Mt. Patience, something for the High School, and fo
new schoolhouse just done at Belgar. also for a new d
to be built at once for Mr. Hills. Devon Pen is also expected
to need something for repair of roof to the house.

Concerning the purchase of land at Oberlin I have
spoken with you. In the location of teache
brethren were unanimous on Miss Woodcock for Eliot. Ca
Mr. Hills for Belgar with the exception of Br Way wh
seemed to think that Oberlin had the stronger claims. Br
Way was not tenacious in the matter. Mr Sims is still
at Oberlin. Miss Margaret Stuart, formerly with
is now at Rock River. School at Golden Vale is b
for the present, and is in process of a rebuilding in
vicinity. Mr. W. M. Anderson & Olds have had a bre
thro Rejected from G. V. Mr A could not make o
the tool he desired. The reasons calling for an ad
to Miss Deans salary are, family responsibilities bringing a tax p
pitality &c. &c. and the large size of the school requiring extra he

Miss Dean has been having, some days 70 in School — has 60 on her list, and a promise of considerable more the coming term. — The propriety of the vote No 5 will be readily seen. Br. Fenning seems to need as much as any other member of the mission — She has not equal facilities and facilities for multiplying the Cruise of Oil —

No 6 perhaps sufficiently explains itself. Dr. Barrett has closed his concern in Kingston & is now driving the Copper business thoroughly & exclusively. The brethren find they can rent nothing from any one else for less than $70 Dr. B. is shipping ore, and intends to go to New York with it in February) — Perhaps I ought to say that upon No 7 I refused to vote. But after some explanations, for which I was pressed, I so far yielded as to give my assent, reserving for myself the privilege, for the present, of not being reckoned in the account — I ought also to say that the majority of the brethren urged the necessity of making $500, the minimum and $600, the maximum for ministers, but they finally yielded to the minority who were simply afraid to ask for so much.

The time for commencing the increase on salaries was put at the commencement of the present year.

Now as I have no authority to act in favor of any extra appropriations and there are some pressing needs we shall feel obliged to you for letting us know your decision at the earliest opportunity. The Leda has arrived but goods for us by her are not yet delivered — I must write you farther, & if possible to accompany this —

Fraternally Yours

Seth S. Wolcott

L. Thompson

Bro. Thompson read the subsidiary letter to you and do hereunto affix my name as Chairman of the Mutiny Committee referred to.

A.M.E. ARCHIVES
No. EL-2224
THE UNIV.

Kingston Jan 4 - 1854

Rev. G. Whipple

My Dear Brother.

My last to you was written immediately after our arrival, Dec. 29 and sent by Mr. Bagwell. I promised to write you again soon. I reached Shermitage late on Saturday night, the 24th ult. just in time to hold Christmas with our people. Wife & little George went to Brainard - I took Henry with me.

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2d An appropriation for the purchase of a bo

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2225
FISK UNIV.

Brainerd. Jamaica
Jan. 6th 1854

Rev. A. L. Robinson
Brainerd
Jamaica
Jan 6/54

Rev. Geo Whipple

My Dear Brother- For nearly two months, I have been awaiting Br Wolcott's return, in order that I might be able to write you more definitely respecting our plans & prospects- As you are already informed, they reached Kingston on the 22d ult, & we hurried down to meet them 'more than glad' (as Creoles say) to see the faces of old & new friends & fellow laborers-

Well, we have been very busy getting them up into the mountains & holding meetings to decide upon their location &c- the roads have been some of the time lately, quite impassable- owing to a desolating storm that swept over the centre of the Island, bringing down slides & avalanches, that filled up the gorges & did great damage to the provision fields- Mrs Carpenter has not been able to get up yet, with her child, altho' we expected her here last week- You will doubtless have been notified, by Br Wolcott, ere the receipt of this, of the decision of the Mission as to their location- Miss Woodcock at Eliot, & Br & Sister Skills at Belgar- We were greatly disappointed in not having at least one more male & female teacher, to dispose of- and there were so many & strong claims, that it was difficult to decide which was entitled to the preeminence- I have never felt so much the need of heavenly wisdom to guide us in our decisions, since I have

been connected with the Mission. It had been generally expected, that there would be a change at Chesterfield & Br Shills would go there, & leave Mary at liberty to go to Belgar; as there was no house there in which a married teacher could live; but a comfortable room could be obtained, near the school-house, in which she could stop from Monday until Friday, & then she could make it her home here, the rest of the time. We had also tho't it might be advisable, after a time, to give Chesterfield in charge to the Teacher, under the pastoral oversight of a neighboring Missionary, (as we have Deer Peer) & thus leave Br W. at liberty to occupy some other field of greater prospective usefulness. But after their arrival, the majority of the Mission tho't it inexpedient to make any changes that side. It was then voted to send Br Shills to Rock River. For the first time, I believe, I found myself compelled to differ in opinion from nearly all the rest of the Mission (Br & Sister Olds were not present) the Rock River school was very small, & not likely to increase to a large note for several months to come. They had a teacher there (Margaret Stuart formerly of Golden Vale) who would answer for the present. Br Moffat needed help this side. he has had upwards of 100 scholars in his hands last term. A school house had just been erected at Belgar & the people had been promised a teacher. a school there would relieve Br Mo a little, & it was believed 40 scholars could be assembled at once. under these circumstances, I could but question the

wisdom & justice of such a decision - And I was very much relieved, when I found before two days had passed, that there was a generally feeling of regret at the decision. At a meeting called this week it was voted unanimously to reconsider that decision & the Beth-said plainly that they regarded it as hasty & unwise - I have given you a history of this matter, not because I wish to complain or find fault - but to show you in what trying circumstances, an honest difference of opinion, will sometimes place one - It did cost me an effort, to stand alone in my opposition to the opinions of so many whom I loved - But I am more than repaid - The present arrangement is probably the best that can be made, without a change at Chesterfield, which is not tho't advisable at present. Br & Sister Skills will go to house-keeping in the rooms appropriated for the High School, until a dwelling can be erected at Belgar & arrangements made for opening the high school here, which we hope will be in a few months - The "Good Hope" school at Belgar, will open as soon as Br Skills can get up his goods & get settled - probably in 3 weeks. We have voted to employ Mrs Carpenter to take charge of the High school, provided, she will engage to remain in Jam for at least one year - We do not think it advisable to try an experiment for a shorter period - We have not yet had a consultation with her, & do not know what her decision may be - When I saw her in Kingston, she seemed to have no settled plans for the future - I regret very much that Mr Shattuck did not come out now - Golden Vale is without a teacher, & Br Olds is expecting to visit

the N. S. in the Spring, as early as he can make arrangements to do so - Mr H - ought to have been here to take charge there at once, so that he might get acquainted with the people before Br Q - should leave - I hope he will be sent out immediately - We need two more female teachers as soon as they can be obtained. Br Moffat must have an assistant at Mt Patience, & if Mrs Carpenter should not decide to remain & take charge of the select school, he will probably have to do it. In that case, two females will be required to take charge at Mt P. under his supervision -
When the high school opens, the Missions are unanimous in the opinion, that Chas Sims & Margaret Stuart should be released from teaching, & allowed to attend it, for one year, in order to become more thoroly qualified for their work - they were pressed into the work, before they were properly qualified, on account of the great difficulty in getting teachers from home to meet our urgent wants. I think there is little doubt but what a bill will pass the House of Assembly this year, raising a tax for the general purposes of Education. In that case, we shall be able to secure considerable aid here, towards supporting our schools, & thus relieve the Soc at home. But we do feel, that God in his providence is bidding us go forward, in our efforts to educate the youth of this Is. We hope the Com will not refuse to send out any who offer themselves, & whom you are satisfied, are well fitted for the work. Did a letter from me, come to hand, directed to Br Wolcott after he left? If so, you are at liberty to open it, (unless you have already done so) as there is an item or two of information, that may be useful. I regret that he did not visit Lenox, & bring out one or two teachers from there. I have little doubt they could be obtained & I know they are of the right stamp.

(see next sheet)

I have two young ladies in my mind, who have been teaching for 3 or 4 years, most of the time, & have been very successful. They are decidedly pious & anxious to engage in the missionary work - nothing will hinder but the unwillingness of professedly christian(?) parents - this, I think, can be overcome in one, if not both cases - their names are Marion Brink & Emma J. Atkins - the latter is an own cousin of Martha & Mary Atkins, whom you knew at Oberlin - she has a superior mind & is a most excellent teacher - they were both hopefully converted, while I was pastor of the church, & have been among my most valued correspondents since I came here - May I not take the liberty to request you (should you think proper) to write to them as early as may be convenient? I have just written to Br Plumb about the matter - also to Miss Atkins, requesting her, should she feel it to be her duty, to offer herself to the Com - in view of our present wants - Please let me know what you think of these suggestions - We hope to prepare, ere long, some statements & an appeal, to be laid by the Com. before the friends in Eng on behalf of our schools - Br Wolcott informs us, that Br Buller of Oberlin is ready to come out here, as a minister, if needed - Br May has intimated (informally) his intention of leaving in the course of the year, if arrangements can be made for the supply of Oberlin. From what I know of Br Buller (having boarded with him at Br Allen's for some time) I am inclined to think he would make a very acceptable & useful labourer here - Others of the Mission, who know him, are of the same opinion - Why could he not be sent out early in the Spring, with Br Heathcoat & one or two females

NO. FL-2221
FISK UNIV.

Since commencing this letter, I have been informed by Bro Skills, (with whom Mrs Carpenter came up to Oberlin this week) that she declines engaging in teaching for the present, her plans being unsettled - She has written for her husband to come out, & expects him next month - We shall therefore need two females to take charge at Mt P., when the High School opens - I must not forget to add, that we are much pleased with the newcomers, & trust they will make efficient & useful laborers in this field. Bro & Sister Olds are now on a visit this side - The members of the Mission enter upon the New Year with general good health - our children however have suffered severely with Hooping Cough - Little Leo has been very ill, & had one, convulsive fit, but is now some better, & we hope past danger - A large number of children have died with it, for want of proper care - We enter upon the New Year, enjoying some manifest tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us, & yet there are also painful indications that Satan still reigns in the hearts of many, leading them captive at his will - & think I have been led to feel more than ever, of late, my entire dependence on God, for a blessing on my labors, & have endeavored more earnestly to seek it. I hope to write you soon, & communicate some thoughts that lie on my mind, respecting the employment of more lay-laborers in our missionary operations. Mrs R. unites in christian love to yourself & wife, Bro Pappan & Jocelyn & the other members of the Ex Com - Please order me 20 copies more of "Childs paper" - send us also, if convenient, the Oct & Nov - Nos of the "Am. Missy" - The Lord bless & strengthen you in all your labors - "Pray for us" - Your aff Bro A. M. Richardson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2227
FISK UNIV.

Mt. Patience Jam. Jan. 7th 1854

Dear Bro Whipple

Our hearts have been made glad by the return of Bro Wolcott and the arrival of the teachers you sent us. We desire, we need several more, yet we are glad we are thankful for these and could you have witnessed the manifest joy of the children, to say nothing of the blessings that will doubtless accrue to them & their parents, I am sure you would have felt a degree of satisfaction, at least, in being permitted to be a coworker with God in promoting the happiness of the destitute & perishing. But a far more glorious reward is in reserve for you who send, and for us who go to the benighted — if our labors are labors of love.

The past year has been one such as I have never before known. 52 was one which has left indelible marks in my history, for in it I gave up my kindred & my native land and rec'd in return a good work & a good wife, together with a heart to love them both. And my daily thanksgivings ascend to God that his grace makes that love to abound more & more. '53 has been remarkable on account of my labors. They have been excessive & yet my health & strength have been, I was about to say, equal to them. But this perhaps I ought not to say, for twice have I been laid aside — apparently worn out. You will readily understand the cause when you recollect the condition & size of my school, my responsibilities in connection with the church, for Bro R is not very strong you know, together with my duties to my family and

to my immediate neighbors. I pray God for plenty of work, for let me wear out — rust out, never. But dear brother tho I love to labor, it is very pleasant to have plenty of help & therefore again I thank you for sending the teachers, for they will afford us material help, and yet (if we commence the High school as I hope we may) two more at this station, seem almost indispensably necessary. Now Bro Whipple, wont you send them to us soon? and shall I say it? dont scold me if I do, for I feel what I say, three more in addition to those named above could be advantageously employed within the bounds of this mission. Yes, five more teachers, one male & four female, could not, it appears to me, be better more judiciously employed, within the bounds of any other mission connected with the American Missionary Association.

You are doubtless aware of the location of the teachers last sent out, or at least will be when you receive this. I am much gratified that Bro Hills is with us. For the present he will labor at Belgar, but he appears to be well qualified for the High school. It would please me much could he take that station when it opens.

Mrs Carpenter & child are now at Oberlin. We hope to see them here in a few days, and probably shall if the weather and traveling permit. I understand that she is well pleased with the island & its prospects and has written to her husband to come out in the spring. Hope that they may do much good there. The field is wide and ready for the harvest.

Bro Olds & family expect to return to America next spring never to return to Jamaica, as laborers in Christs vineyard, I fear. Before he sails you will probably see in New York Mr Barrett the leader in the mining operations connected with

this mission. Will Bro Whipple be so frank as to give me his opinion respecting this matter. I state to you plainly that I fear it is proving injurious to the cause for which we were sent here by you & I mention these things thus early that timely interference may prevent serious evils which may soon follow. My fears may be groundless. I hope they are. Yet the scriptures say Happy is the man that feareth always. I have no wish simply to say respecting this. if I am in an error here it is one of the head and not of the heart & if it shall prove of the former let it drop, for I would not hurt a hair of any of my brethren, but as far as in me lies promote their highest temporal & spiritual good.

Mrs. Moffat has sent a small tick box to New York to your care, directed Nathaniel Blakely Gainesville. Will you be so kind as to take charge of it when it arrives & leave it at the office till called for.

My general health is pretty good at present, tho since my last sickness in Nov. I have been more or less troubled with pain in my right side. I am forcibly reminded of it while writing this & here is my apology for not writing more frequently. I am happy to say that Mrs. M. is very well, her health not having been better before for several years. We shall be happy to hear from you often & unite in much kind regards to yourself & other members of the Com.

Yours faithfully

Addison Moffat

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Addison Moffat

Jamaica

Jan. 7/54

N.Y. ARCHIVES

Rev. L. Johnson
Kingston
Jan. 15th 1874.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2228
FISK UNIV.

Rev. Geo. Whipple

My dear bro.

Bro. Holcott, Olds Mills and myself happen to be in town on our individual business. We have been conversing about our present necessities and the importance of making a draft upon our recommendation to the ~~[illegible]~~ $600.00 to building purposes can reach you, and we get your reply.

It stands about thus —

Before bro Holcott went home the Mission recommended bro. Richardson and myself to go on with schools at Belgar and Rock River — and after bro. Holcott arrived in U.S. he again said to us — "go ahead at Belgar & Rock River." Nothing was said about money to do so from

the Society. We therefore went on with the work ~~and~~ paying ourselves all the bills — (or promised to pay) expecting when Bro Wolcott returns, he would have cash in hand to ~~do~~ relieve us from all our liabilities. Bro. Wolcott came but brought no money. He had promised to meet all demands when he returns, which placed us in rather close quarters —

The present draft of $40.00 is to meet these expenses and to have some means to commence immediately to put up a house for Bro & Sister Hills at Bulgar, as they have been appointed to that field —

With regard to the recommendation to increase our salaries, I wish to say, I feel, when viewing matters in the light of dollars & cents, like saying let us expend less in Jesus rather than more. And when I look at the continuation of the Mission, its importance here, but more especially in its bearing on the great question

of Anti or pro. Slavery. I say not only greatly extend the Mission but so increase our Salaries that we can work the most advantageously, and then call on the Christian public to sustain us.

It is our failing among us, not to expend our dollar unnecessarily – We mean to use the strictest economy in our position. We are willing to do it, but when we have to take time and energies to economize that we want to attend to more important work, we say let us attend to the more important work and we know you say so, too.

I think I can say truthfully that most if not all, the members of our mission have generally expended more each year than the amount fixed as their Salary – Bro Richardson over ran last year over $100.00. Bro. Moffat has considerably passed his boundary line – Miss Dean has & Bro Remmy has. Bro Adcott I have know has every year and if any man can use economy he can – and does. & Bro Olds has –

I keep a strict account of all my expenses for several years and my expenses exceed my Salary. You may ask how we have lived. the reply is, we have made up the balance with our own hands, –

Bro Adcott is now "hard run" tho. he does not complain. His provision ground is all gone to waste in his absence; and it costs considerable to "fix it up" after such a tour, as he has just made –

I do hope the Society will make him a donation of at least $100.00. I believe him worthy. And in this I know my brethren will concur. He does not complain, as I said before, he is not the man to do it –

But I must close - I have written more than I thought to do when I sat down.

Miss Rockcock has commenced her labors - Our people seem pleased with her and I should think she will do well -

Mrs Thompson's health is now pretty good So also is my own and my family generally -

Give much love to your dear wife in which I know Mrs T. joins -

I remain
My dear Bro
Yours affy
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Mr. L. Thompson
Jan 12. 1864
Ex. Com.

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Wmington Jan 12. 1854

My Dear Bro. Whipple,

I have this day drawn on the Japan, sixty days from sight, for the sum of $400, four hundred dollars to the order of Dr A. Barrett

This is for building purposes. I have drawn at the urgent request of the brethren. I find the mission already involved for building at Beach Riner and Belgar for over $300, and funds immediately demanded for proceeding with the dwelling house at Belgar. I deeply regret the occasion for drawing before receiving your permit to do so. You can probably appreciate my feelings. Br Thompson, Chairman of our mission meeting, is with me, and will corroborate what I have before written on mission business.

I enclose a copy of letter from Br. Garnet to Bro. Way. Miss Crow has hitherto refused to heed her recall by the Com. and has not received her passage money to N.Y. Bro. Richardson refused to be responsible to her after Nov 1853. She is now corresponding with Dr. Barrett, and seems expecting we shall send her home in the Spring —

N.B. Do you authorize me to pay her passage

(We are very favorably impressed with the colored young lady who came out with us. She promises to do well) —

I wish I had time to write you a more complete letter - detailing sundry matters about the state of things in the country - our mission, our hopes & fears &c. &c. A bill is now before the House with the prospect of being passed, to provide a general School fund - It may result in aid to us - Can you send us Mr. Fuller & and Hathaway & Br. Richardson is strongly in favor of Mr. H. for our mission - He has written him & others also - All say, give us more laborers -

Mr. Oughton & his church are desperately by the ears just now (beyond the hope of a reconciliation) and our poor people (so I feel) are every where, almost, desperately "Humbugged.

Br. Beardslee has paid the Fowler & Wells bill, and the balance on old a/c -

Much love to all at the Rooms

As ever yours

Seth S. Walcott

Rev S. D. Lockett
Jamaica
Jan. 12/54
Relative of charge $400.
Ex. Com.
Mich. House.
School Bill.

Confidential

Br. Beardslee is very hard up. I don't see what the poor man can do -

Mary Dear Mt Joy Jan 16/64

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ted I was waiting to get paper to write out. Dear Mr I live 26 miles from P.O. The Mr + I is different I will take down letters and read them. Third sheet as I am like Martha, careful & troubled about many things. I would write this to Br Whipple if he would take even a half hour to visit with me & hear good what I say & I only ask a half hour. Our Mission constitutes a family & I am one of its members & like a dutiful child & sister I am seeking to promote the best interests of the whole family (My word for it) The Church has hired us not by the job but by the day to do a certain piece of work & as stewards of God we are bound to do it well. Oberlin is first on the list & should be the Station as it is visited much oftener by strangers & gives characters to

all the other stations. But O how how it looks how it looks! with all humility & selfabasement & with due respect to my superiors I wish to ask why Mr Way is retained here when he sent twice asking a dismission, & he is not only not doing any good but absolute harm all the time I wish I had all the money wasted on such people in Jam I would have some rich pastures & fat lambs. But my hands are tied for want of means I feel just as a sensible & ambitious farmer would feel, on one of the best farms in Ohio, without a plow horses oxen or anything but an axe & hoe, & had no means of getting any, while he had an insatiable desire to cultivate the farm to the highest degree of perfection. By the by I have always heard, yes for many years it has been the talk that "the Jasper is very rich" & I have just now been soliloquising thus — May be he would be willing to give a small sum from his vast treasures, to the poor in Jamaica £5000 yes he would scarcely miss it & oh what a multitude of ignorant children it would educate. But who is to ask for it. If it be a crime who will bear the blame of it — But what is worth having is worth asking for & I will venture. Yes 5000 dollars could not be expended for a better purpose & if you will give that sum for educational purposes in Jamaica I will vouch for its adjustment in safe hands, & wise men shall be chosen immediately who shall attend to the economical outlay of the same I shall be happy to answer any questions you may wish to ask with a view to making up your mind in the matter — But I have left my troubles in the back ground & soared exceeding high on the wings of Hope — We need more teachers exceeding much. Miss Hicks expect to leave at Aug or before & Brainerd is only half supplied. The teachers at Rockhiney should rather go to school than teach & must soon do so.

The boy that is teaching at Oberlin
should not be Dear unplayed longer
untill he has been to school at
least a year more. Oberlin should
have a first rate male teacher as our
a hundred children could be collected
there with little effort. Brandon Hill
where Mr Hall preaches has a hundred
children & no school. A school
house, & teachers house, should
be erected there immediately.
We need a Carpenter very much
so many houses to build & repair
to make & no one to do it.
The Ministers cannot & ought not
to spend their time in doing it.
I have over 90 scholars on my list
& 77 in attendence the last two weeks.
One of my most advanced pupils takes
charge of 30 for me of the small
ones, & then I have enough to tire
me quite out by night. I am
doing what I can with my tools
& hope — we want a bell we are living
just like the heathen no time I have not
even a patch & not able to lay one. Pray for
us & shall look for an answer soon. Your
Missionary Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2231
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Oberlin Jany 18/54

Rev. George Whipple

Dr. Brother.

Your favour, or note of last July, (& thirty) was duly recd & with patience I have waited the consideration of my request, which I learn, informally, is not to be granted. Well, we will do as well as we can with our present teacher & suppose it is all for the best. Appearances are yet favorable for some good being accomplished. Our congregation & Sabbath school are good & even large for this place. The health of my family is tolerable. After I recovered from the fever last May, my health for a while was quite good, but for a few months past I have suffered much from boils, ulcers fevers &c till I am quite worn down & nervous. So that I am hardly myself & very far from what I was two years ago. I have not been able to attend through a meeting of the mission, (except one) during the last ~~year~~ 9 mo. - I shall try however to endure another season & feel the more disposed to remain on account of the cholera, which is daily expected among us. I may, should I live, do the people good physically & religiously. My own religious enjoyments are good as usual. I desire that my heart may be kept in the love of God, & to be always ready for his appearing. My health is now improving.

Perhaps I ought (& perhaps not) to say a word in reference to Miss How. She has her peculiarities, but when she

was dismissed from Elliot (I am told by responsible persons) stood highly in the esteem of the people & had she remained I think she would have made herself useful & popular as a teacher. Had I attended the meeting that voted to recommend her recall, I think I should have opposed it. I would have been perfectly willing, had, or could it have been done amicably & satisfactorily, to have rec^d her at Oberlin as a teacher. I may incur your disapprobation as I have already rec^d the displeasure of some, by saying to Bro. Thompson, as Paul said of Peter "He is to be blamed", Brother, after making all due allowance, for what is a fault in me, the taking sides with those who suffer, too often, right or wrong, you can take my opinion for what it is worth —

I enclose you the Bill of medicine for correction. You will see "4 oz Oil cloves 2.25 a pound" carried out $9. which should be 56^c Error $8.44. I presume they will readily correct it. I enclose a note to them

Hoping that health, peace & prosperity may be yours, I subscribe myself as ever

Yours truly P. M. Way

Rev. J. M. Peck
Jamaica
Jan 7 1854

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Kingston 31 Jan. 1854.

Rev G. Whipple

My Dear Brother

My last to you was of the 14th inst. containing important items of business &c. Business has again brought me to town, Mr. Richardson in company. Mr. R says "Please give my respects to Mr. Whipple." He passed Oberlin and found Mr. Way pretty sick with fever - he has been down two or three days - not that dangerously ill. Mrs. Moffatt has just been confined - is herself doing well, but has lost her little one - a son - dead at birth - Otherwise the mission is in usual health

Dr. Barrett has received advice from you of shipment of Corn mill to us - the vessel has not yet arrived -

Dr. B is vigorously driving the copper business, and is rapidly gaining the credit of a successful operator in this line. He has already leases of a large number of properties, and persons coming to him from all parts with their proposals -- I suppose he is ahead of any man in the island, both in real success and in the confidence of the people & of enterprising capitalists. His plans for forming an American company are so far matured that he can complete the business at once if he chooses. He prefers not to do it till he visits New York - which he intends now to do before the 1st March. — That

account for magazines &c he prefers to settle himself in R. I.

Tues. morning Jan 31. The corn mill has arrived — We are disappointed in not finding any news —

Br. B. says "Tell Br. Whipple to send on the bells for Brainard & Chesterfield" Tho we have had no formal vote on the subject, all the brethren say the same.

Our schools are all becoming more & more promising — Miss Dean has a daily attendance of over seventy — and is obliged to have an assistant — There is an increasing interest among the people both in school & church matters.

At our last communion we received two at Hermitage and eight at Devon Pen —

I have time now to write you only briefly. You may expect a bundle of letters by Dr. Barrett in a few weeks. Our compliments to all the office friends —

Yours Fraternally

Seth S. Walcott

N B. I wish one of my Tribunes discontinued at the close of the present subscription year; about June, I think. Also one of the Water Cure Journal. There seems to be but four claimants, while we are taking five copies—

S. T. Wolcott

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Rev. S. S. Wolcott.
Jan. 30, 1854

Schools increasing

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Syracuse Jan 23 / 54.

Rev George Whipple.

My Dear Brother.

I seem brought under the necessity of again troubling you, which I have hesitated in doing, being aware of your multiplied cares & anxieties.

Bro Wolcott wrote me that he had a candle box of arrow-root for me, & that you forwarded it with the one containing the remnant of Mr Evarts arrow-root.

The last named, arrived, directed to the care of Mr Bates but the candle box I can get no trace of. The express agent directed me to communicate with you, supposing you would have a receipt for it, which could be presented to the agents in N York, & the box found.

If you would at your convenience, trouble yourself to present the receipt, it would much oblige me.

I seem particularly unfortunate in the loss of boxes, &c.

My Dear Brother, let me give your heart a cause for rejoicing, by telling you that I have found my Lord —

Yes, after all my wanderings, my grievings of the Spirit my contentions, & my darkness, the Lord has been gracious & forgiving. I could write much more but time fails me.

No doubt Bro Wolcott told you that by teaching I was

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gaining a comfortable livelihood for myself & family. The Lord has raised up friends for me, that have comforted both mind & body. I should love to tell you that I cannot cease to feel grateful to you for your untiring interest & efforts in my behalf & in the behalf of him, who, alas! knew not his friends, or his enemies it seems.

It is but since I have given him into the hands of our merciful God, with the confidence that "He doeth all things well" that any degree of light has come to my long darkened mind. It was a struggle to give him up. God's strength only was adequate. Where not I cause always to live low before Him. Am I not emphatically a brand plucked from the burning. May God ever keep me humble & in my proper position before God & man.

Please excuse the defects of this letter written in the confusion of a school intermission, & in great haste.

Yours your grateful friend.

V. S. McHyde.

The avails of McEwen's account will be sent you soon –

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Syracuse N.Y.
Jan 23/56

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Bro. Whipple.

Please send to us

1st The Nov. No of the Missionary which failed to come

2d 6 Doz. Mr. Guffey's 1st Readers

3 " " 2 "

4 Doz Outline maps of the world, if they can be procured at a reasonable price

Wolcott

G. Whipple

S. T. Wolcott

Jun 7 1854

Trunks

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Rooms. Feby 9. 1854

The Com. on the Jamaica Mission met. All the members were present.

Communications from Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Richardson and others were read.

It was resolved to recommend ~~the~~ to the Ex. Com. the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That we do not, under present circumstances, see any reason, why the Association should defray the expense of Miss Howe's return to the United States.

2. That an appropriation, not exceeding $400. be made for building & repairs at the Jamaica Mission; and that the Mission be requested to ~~give~~ furnish the Com. with an estimate of the cost of the several items, for which the whole appropriation of $400. is asked.

3 That an appropriation of $50. be made for the purchase of land at Oberlin.

4. That Miss Deans Salary be raised to two hundred dollars, per Annum.

5. That the Salary of Rev. G. B. Benning, be raised to Four hundred dollars, per Annum.

6. That the appropriation for rent, at Kingston be raised to One hundred dollars, per Annum.

7. That the salaries of the Ministers connected with the Mission, be increased fifty dollars each making the largest salary hereafter ~~now~~ $500. per Annum. And that an increase of 12 1/2 per cent be made upon the salaries of the teachers of the Mission. The increase to commence with the present quarter, of the year.

8th. That the salaries of the teachers not heretofore defined, be the same as those of the other teachers in similar positions.

9th. That Mr & Mrs. Oles be permitted to visit the United States, the coming Spring.

In behalf of the Com.

Geo. Whipple, Chairm.

Jamaica Mission.
Report of Com. for
Ex. Com. Feb. 1854.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2235
FISK UNIV.

Kingston, Jamaica W.I.
13th Feby. 1854

My dear Brother

As we are looking for a Str. today I will pen a few lines to you. I rec'd your account fr. Bro. Sleett, which, though wanting in particulars I suppose was correct. Subsequently I received an additional acct. from Bro. Harned also wanting in particulars, but I am not disposed to dispute its correctness. I would like to know exactly how my paper matters stand - with the "Evangelist" and "Y. Cab." to be continued as heretofore, and the "Independent" stopped. If not paid please pay to the end of '53, but I cannot pay for any nos. on this year if sent, as I received but a few scattering nos. during '53. Whose fault it was I dont know. The Mother's Magazine we have not been able to get though ordered several times. Two or three nos. did come but no more.

I paid the amt. to Bro. W. kindly advanced for me, for which many thanks.

I am getting on very well in my new work and feel quite at home.

I believe the Missionaries here are all well. Mrs. Carpenter is in the Country, I dont know much about her movements at present. Doing good somewhere I doubt not.

Excuse haste – and with best wishes for the success of your Mission,

Lemuel

My Dear Brother

Yours faithfully

C. H. Beardsley

Rev. Geo. Whipple

For. Secy. A.M.A.

Rev. J. C. Beardsley
Feb 13, 1859

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Ruth E. Carpenter
Jamaica
Feb. 21/54
Mar. 15/54

Hermitage Feb. 21. 54.

Mr. Tappan

Dear Sir, I trust you will not consider me presuming in addressing you; the name of the society of which you are treasurer is in itself a pledge of your interest in missions. How would that interest be enhanced could you visit the mission fields. Jamaica has not been considered so much as a foreign as a home field. Neither has it been considered as very important. Jamaica seems like a small island upon the world's map, yet it is capable of supporting a large number of inhabitants. It is already thickly settled. Its continuous mountain ridges so steep that with difficulty roads are kept; prevent civilization from making the swiftest progress. The people are nearly all very poor as well as extremely degraded. They have had very little correct religious teaching. The few who are trying to teach the gospel in its purity are but a handful compared with the population. I was in Kingston three weeks before I came up to the mountains

Your missionaries were often spoken of by other denominations, as "a class of devoted self-denying men, during very much for the small salary they receive" How they live at all upon it, was a common remark I was astonished when I came up to witness their great cheerfulness in the midst of all their discouragements & severe labors. Yet who would not deny self for his sake who died that we might live. They are sustaining large schools with small means & few teachers; and their schools were well taught. The children were as active & quick of perception as those who have only received similar advantages in America. I felt that they understate their efforts. They are disheartened because so few fruits of their labors appear. For years a good school has been taught at Brainard. The first pupils have entered active life. What are they? Not examples not reformers among their own people: though perhaps better for their advantages. Would you expect plants to flourish if tended ever so well & they were watered by the dews of heaven, if just as the blossoms put forth, they should be removed into a sterile soil where blasting winds & burning

alone could visit them. The searching influence of slavery are still here to blight & wither all effort unless continued until the character is established in truth. Most of the parents have had no instruction. From Southern Africa they could not have brought civilizing influences, & slavery certainly did nothing to elevate but much to destroy. The African here has only a nominal freedom. His mind is still in bondage. Their personal wants are pressing. As soon as the children can read well the parents need their labor to assist in their own maintainance. Even while under the care of the teachers in the day-schools home influence is the strongest. Like the frog in the fable of the three steps gained in the day two are lost at night. The importance of this field has I fear not been duly felt. The outlay is small here to what it is on many foreign fields. The government & language are no hindrance to effort. The climate & productions are similar to those of Africa & many parts of Asia. The children are bright & teachable if taken early, & would do well if kept away from evil influences as they might be in a family school so that teachers from among them would

in a few years be fitted for the Africa
and other similar missions.
There are enough children with & without
parents who would be given to the society
and it is estimated that twenty five dollars
pr year would support them, beside their
own labor. The present condition of
the negro is a serious consideration to
the philanthropist. Is not Jamaica fast
becoming a reproach? How can it be otherwise
when only a small portion of the people hear
the word of God - Indeed it is becoming
heathenish; no school house or chapel for
miles & in thickly settled districts this too
near Kingston where most is done. What
must it be in the north of the Island -
The Abolitionists may shut their eyes
but it will not alter the fact that
this people generally are retrograding
How can it be otherwise with no restraining
Christian influences - Alas that human
nature can become so debased! that human
beings destined to immortality should
live like brute beasts - Although I do not
expect to labor with your missionaries yet
I wished to write of their wants - Dear Sir
cannot some one of means be interested
for the schools of Jamaica - before all
who hope abandon it; something must
be done more than has been - May Gods
people pray & consider this question
carefully is my earnest wish. Yours Respectfully
Ruth C. Carpenter

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New York Feb 23. 1854

Received on board the Schooner Bonita
One box Sundries, (periodicals &c) marked
Rev. T. L. Pelcott, care of Dr. A. Barrett
Kingston Jamaica

William Ashell

Schooner Bonita

Jam. Mission

Feb 1854

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Jamaica Feb 24 1854

Rev. N. S. Carpenter
Jamaica
Feb 24 1854
Ans. Mar 23/54

Mr Whipple

Dear Sir

I am very grateful to you for the generous hospitality, advice & assistance rendered me here by your missionaries at your very kind suggestion. I am greatly indebted to them all. I can not imagine how a more self-denying class of laborers could have been sent out, I would have much preferred to labor in connection with them had it been practicable. Providence seems to indicate a wider field of usefulness as a teacher if unconnected with your board. The title of missionary, to them, conveys a meaning which the influence & management of the baptists have allied to superstition. Beside if unconnected personal friends will be willing to do more, those who have contributed to the old board, and your missionaries have so little means already that their efforts are crippled. Then at first the brethren might differ about arrangements &c. As I expect to support myself it seems better to leave off contention before meddled with. The price of living being far greater & other expenses more than one could imagine who had never traveled over the indescribable roads, or seen the backward state of civilization. Before I came out Mr Carpenter thought that we should be able to meet the expenses of a school with our own funds, but that is not best. I now propose if successful in obtaining the means which I have reason to hope will be given for the object to found a permanent institution. The small sum of $10,000 laid out in the purchase of land & a portion of it sold off to the people the avails of the sales being used to erect the buildings &c. A part of the land will be permanent property of the school.

& The children will be taken care of, at the institution & considered as a family. They will be expected to labor for their own support in some way designated by the teachers. As their connection will be expected to continue for a term of years it is thought reasonable to calculate that they will earn more the last years. The avails of all land sales & above supporting the pupils & teachers will be funded to enlarge or establish a similar institution. The first great object will be to lead them to knowledge of the Savior & the obligations upon all of a life of usefulness. They will be trained to make active philanthropic citizens. In the way most of the schools are managed this good end is not accomplished. It is almost impossible to educate a child surrounded by heathen influence more than one half of the day so as to make him an upright earnest worker for others. I have considered it as money sunk when expended on day schools in comparison with a continued influence for a term of years. It is better in my opinion to take 100 pupils & so train them physically intellectually & morally that most of them at the end of their term will go out as examples of faithful working Christians. than to expend in partial train the same sum for a greater number. I think the children here are brighter than I had expected to find them. In your schools they appear thankful to their indefatigable teachers, like Am. white children. Your mission greatly need more funds. The great number of Orphans left at the time of Cholera & others destitute could be gathered & placed under continued Christian care if funds allowed. Had the amt of money expended by the English Anti-intemperance teachers been laid out by your present teachers here, Jamaica would not as now disappoint those who were looking to see the Africans rise. It seems necessary that Am. occupy this ground for as possible & besides the duty of teaching help them to their own homesteads. I read a draft enclosed in your letter to me. Will it be asking too great a favor for you to receive the sums of money sent to your care until I can write to those who are expecting to aid me. You need however send me no draft until the sum should amount to $100, I had drawn $50, upon Mr Carpenter previous to receiving your letter and may not be able upon you immediately. Will you excuse this imperfect letter I would have written a particular account of some encouraging features in your mission had I time.

Yours respectfully R.C. Carpenter

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2239
FISK UNIV.

Private

Rev. A. L. Chapin
Rec'd

Rev. A. L. Wolcott

Kingston Feb 28th 1854

Rev. J. B. Whipple.

Dear Brother.

In my last, written near the 1st inst. I encouraged you to expect soon a good bundle of letters by Dr. Barrett, who then intended to have sailed for N.Y. before this, but as Dr. B. unexpectedly changed, or postponed his plan the bundle has not been postage, so there has been some change in our postal arrangements which compels us to prepay 4¢ on every single letter we mail, we feel inclined to look out for private opportunities to send all we can, especially the less urgent matter. We have received nothing in the letter or paper line since what came per Leda, about New Year. Our Jan. & Feb. mails are yet behind.

I have been hoping to receive some reply from you, to my former letters before writing any thing farther, but I presume you have sufficient forbearance not to be offended if I write three times without hearing from you.

I wish here to acknowledge that for some time after my return to the island I labored under an unusually severe attack of what is frequently denominated "the blues" — I felt inclined to reproach myself for ever having thought of returning to a field of labor of so little promise as this. The

Mrs. Cochran is with me. Dr. Dwight knew what you. Cochran expects to remain for a little time. Mrs. has written again for her passage paid to America — Chaplin out in the hospital & penitentiary here. Something very soon connected with finances — I may draw for present. Dr. today tomorrow. Dr. B. is out of town & I can hear his lecturing — hope his murderer is taken. Mr. Dwight is love. Yours — S. S. Wolcott

contrast between America & Jamaica seemed so exceedingly great - hearing occasionally from my brethren the almost despairing expression, "Well, after all I sometimes feel it's no use" - seeing & hearing much that is wrong, and which I cannot wholly shut my eyes from, in what is called missionary operations, (I dont think I am particularly censorious; I am by no means alone in my convictions) altogether it was a little too much for me to bear with a perfectly even temper & unfaltering heart. I cannot enter into particulars; but suffice it to say that I am so far convalescent as to regard myself quite out of danger; at least for the present. Indeed I feel the return of so much spirit as to incline me to hold up other hands that are ready to hang down.

I design in the above, no allusion derogatory to any of my immediate fellow laborers - we are one -

As philanthropists, it is by far the most agreeable to us to look on signs of promise - to talk of encouraging success; but shut our eyes to it as we will Jamaica is fast becoming less & less desirable or hopeful in all its leading interests. Talk of prosperity - of the elevation of the people - things very desirable, but still the truth is, under existing circumstances the tendencies are mainly, directly & rapidly toward barbarism, or the even lower Savage State. We know however that light may arise out of darkness - here

rests in God our faith - our hope — But perhaps you will say - 'this bro. must be sick still.' Then come here once & see. You can be abundantly satisfied by the sight of your own eyes. But the evils are one thing, their source another. Bad as it is with the Emancipated, they are not most to be complained of. Their case is sufficiently, yea abundantly hopeful, had the messengers of their Salvation generally the spirit of Christ. Say, if you please, this looks rather censorious, - let it stand - it is truth - There is a very great reaction in the religious sentiments of the people, not likely soon to be diminished. The Gospel, and especially its ministers, and in their case justly, as I think, are becoming odious to the people, with a fearful rapidity.

I think I intimated to you in a former letter that there were some troubles among Mr. Coughtons people. The difficulties have increased past hope of present remedy. Mr. C. has lost the respect + confidence of all classes except a few personal friends. The people far + near are getting perfectly exasperated. Out of a congregation of three thousand as formerly claimed by Mr. C. he claims now some two hundred - And what does Mr. C say of them? - 'Those against me will swear to any thing which they think will injure me, and those for me will swear just as hard in my favor!' — Such, he might, + probably would say, are the people to whom I have ministered these fifteen years! — So general + strong is the feeling that a bill had been got up + had passed the House, and was about this day to have passed the council, with special reference to Mr. C's case, that if

carried into effect might deprive at any time the whole body of dissenters of all their church property & privileges. — I just now hear the bill is arrested & will probably be dropped.* It is a scandal for any minister to be seen in company even with Mr. O. in the minds of the people. But Mr. O. stands not alone in merited odium. And the evil must fall too, more or less, on those who are deserving better things. Another index. This morning after the Council was opened by a short prayer read by the Chaplain an official black man in attendance was heard to say to his fellows, "That's what we pay fifty pounds for" and again, as the Gown retired from the house "There goes the dancing parson," refering to his warm patronage of balls and dancing parties. The Gospel has been outrageously scandalized & abused and we must reap the consequences. What do we hear in the mouth of our people? "Nobody drink rum like buckra". "Ha! de minister dem, dey drink wine — brandy — rum, t — o — o — much — tsha!" — "Mr. Oughton. Tsha! he rob we — he rob we — he make fool o' we all time!" — Understand me, the people are wicked enough, but there is too much provocation for it — "By whom shall Jacob arise?" The salvation of poor publicans & harlots may be aimed at with good hope of success if those who hold the 'keys of the kingdom' are willing, but who can reach the proud scribes & pharisees, or strip safely from the wolf his sheep's clothing? — I have neither time nor space to enlarge. So let me be construed favorably — Jamaica to be elevated needs a gospel better lived. She needs not only spiritually strong men, but such as will bear the infirmities of the weak —

* Speech Mon. — The bill is again in progress, & a new petition is now being drawn up to go again before the Council tomorrow. The bill is too long for me to give you in form. Kilham

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Kingston March 1st 1854

Bro. Whipple,

I cannot make out fully a financial report without something from. I believe I have every thing up to Dec. 1st except the bill for 4 Boxes Soda Biscuit at Treadwells – Perhaps also some expense on the Corn mill which we are to pay. I want these items, & also any other of which you alone may be acquainted. I cannot find from Bro. Hills & Sister Woodcock the exact amount intended as their outfit – Hence I can not settle with them nor strike the proper balances in my accounts – Please send me the necessary information at the earliest opportunity – Perhaps this more properly belongs to Bro. Ward – If so, you can hand it over to him.

Yours sincerely
Seth S. Wolcott

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Rev. Seth Richardson
to
L. Tappan (Mar 10/54)

Hermitage 10th March 1854

Lewis Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir,

I went to Kingston last week to make drafts for the salaries of the present quarter; but was not able to accomplish my object. An opportunity is expected to offer on monday next, to which I cannot conveniently attend, and I send to authorise bro. Richardson to do the business in my stead. I recommend to draw now for $800. Do you perceive that the salaries of the missionaries amount to over $1000, per quarter?

Bro. R. will probably write you farther

Yours Fraternally
Seth T. Wolcott

Mar 13th By a change of arrangements, Br Wolcott will make the Drafts in his proper person. L. Tappan

Brainerd Mar 11th 1854

My Dear Brother

I expect to meet Dr Barrett on Monday, at Oberlin, when I shall make two Drafts on you for Br Wolcott - one of $500 & the other of $300 - as authorised by him. They will be made payable 15 days after sight -

If it were any other time than Lat-coe, I would improve the present opportunity, in writing you at length, for I have many things to communicate -

I have been trying to find time to write Br Whipple for two weeks past but unexpected business has prevented - I hope to write in full after our Semi-annual meeting at Hermitage next week - Have any of the Beth- notified you of Miss Hunt's death? She died the 25th of Feb, at Dr Hyde's, about 3 O'c A.M, & was buried about 9 O'c the same morning! A Coffin had been prepared for a man living in the family, who was dangerously ill, & she was buried in that! She died the same forenoon, & was buried before he was cold!! An inquest was called the next day, the bodies disinterred & a post mortem examination had - After two sittings the jury came to the following verdict - "That Urania Hunt died from the effects of a dose of Salt-Petre, whether administered by herself or some other person they were unable to say! The Dr found 1½ drachms of the Nitrate of Potash in her stomach, & no symptoms of disease, save the inflamed condition of the stomach, caused by the poison - the jury added, that they thot Dr Hyde had been guilty of culpable negligence in reference to both the deceased - Mrs Evarts testified that she knew of Miss H-s taking the Salt-Petre 2 or 3 days before she died, & that she told her it was by mistake in the night! But her testimony was the most singular & contradictory I ever heard - I was shocked & horrified at the hardihood & depravity which she exhibited - I trust the matter will not rest here - the verdict of the jury & the testimony on which it is founded

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will be laid before the Atty-General, & if he sees cause he will take further action upon it. For my own part I am convinced that Dr Sh- has, (directly or indirectly) been the cause of the deaths of both Miss Sh & Mr Evans! Before Miss Sh's death, I had learned things from Mr Rennie, (who was present when Mr E- died) that awakened strong suspicions that all was not right - And by advice of the Beth- & others, I had gone with Mr R- to the Coroner the very day before Miss Sh- died, & lodged a complaint! A time was appd to investigate the matter, when, strange to tell, the proceedings were interrupted by sudden & most startling developments! The investigation into the cause of Mr Sh's death, takes place next Monday - It was not from an injury recd from a cow, as was currently reported - That occurred some 4 months previous to his death, & he had quite recovered - I do hope & pray that Dr Shedd's villainy may be brot to light, & thus a stop put to further mischief - I must add another item - Br Shall, Rennie & myself attended the Inquest - Having had a private consultation with the Magistrates about the children, by their advice & co-operation, we determined to take some of them away - So while Dr Sh- & Mrs E- were still in custody, we rode to Berkshire Hall, & took Jane & the two younger boys, & brot them off on horseback, "nolens volens" - We took them just as we found them, bareheaded & barefooted, & carried them 5 miles, reaching Brainerd about 10 Pm at night! We could get them in no other way - We went & begged for them after Miss Sh's

death, & were told by Mrs Evarts, that "she didn't want her children brought into the Mission, to be made hypocrites of!" Two of them are now with Br Shall & one with Br Thompson. We shall get Robt & George the first opportunity. Don't you think the Soc would be willing to pay their passage to America, when Br Olds comes home? They ought to be entirely out of the reach of the influences here. Who can fathom the deceitfulness of sin & the delusions of Satan! The Lord save us, as a Mission, from any further experience of this sort! But I must close, & save my strength for tomorrow's labors. Our congregation has been increasing of late. Four were added to the church on profession of their faith last Sab. Three of them young persons. There have been a few, quite interesting cases of hopeful conversion recently. Pray for us, that we may labor more faithfully & efficiently. The schools are quite large. Br Moffat's upwards of 100 & Br Hill's from 60 to 70. The others I believe, are as large in proportion. When shall we have more help? Are you going to enable us to open a Normal School here, this season? It is much needed. When shall we be favored with our papers & letters again? Has war been declared & the mails intercepted? Or did you think Bro Wolcott, would be able to keep us supplied with news for a year? We have rec'd no regular mails since he came! No Annual Reports, nos of "Missionary" or letters! Well, it's rather trying to poor, expatriated missionaries! Do pity & aid us in remedying this matter. Let us have a mail at least once per month. A few cases of Cholera in Kingston lately, but don't hear that it is spreading. Mrs R. unites in kind regards to yourself, Bro & Whipple & family & the other members of the Com. The mission are generally well. Yours affy A. McLeod Anderson

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Brainard M March 13th 1854

Dear Br Whipple.

Dr Barrett wishes to get some money of me for mining purposes and I have accordingly given him a bill of exchange on you payable in sixty days. I have five hundred dollars at interest at my fathers and have written to him to forward to you a draft for that amount. In case there should be any delay on his part will you be so kind as to pay the bill, if presented, and oblige Dr Barrett and myself

I think there is no doubt but that my father will forward to you a draft for five hundred dollars before the sixty days shall have expired. The only ground for doubt about the drafts reaching you in time is that my letter to my father may be delayed.

I have commenced my duties as teacher of Good Hope school. Circumstances are very favorable and flattering. May the Lord be with me.

Yours truly

Amos B. Mills.

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Brainerd Mass/52

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Rev. Geo. W. Knight
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Mission House March 17th 1854
Providence Station.

Dear brother Whipple,

This letter was heralded some time ago by a note, and I will now endeavour to prepare the long document therein promised, and without spending time over a preface, or table of content I will begin immediately upon letter proper. My school is now very flourishing. Yesterday 53 in attendance, some 81 names on the list. I find myself incapable of doing justice to so many, and am obligede to resort to the monitorial system. Two or three of my largest girl are a great help to me. One of them seems quite serious and really anxious to be a christian. I believe my children are improving in intellect, and morals, and I feel happy in my work. — There is shade as well as sunshine. — I was under the necessity of expelling one of my largest boy, a few weeks since. — It grieved me to my heart. — I have always noticed that after a vacation the children are much harder to govern than any other time, there is abundant evidence to prove that they are not much

benefited by the influence of home, therefore it is of the greatest importance that the school should be continued without interruption, and as I intend leaving in a few months, I beg of you to send a teacher to take my school. Mr Wolcott told me the Association would approve of my returning, but more highly approve of my remaining here. I shall probably teach till June or July & hope you will find a teacher for Ebenezer school, by that time. I expect to do more for Jamaica during the two years I design spending in the United States than I could by remaining here. I scarcely hope to be received at Mount Holyoke, as over 200 application have already been refused. If I cannot go there, I must study elsewhere. If I receive an affirmative from Holyoke it is quite possible that I return in May with brother and sister Olds. I quite fancy the last importation of Missionaries, they work with zeal, and seem to love their schools.

The brethern must have written you concerning Mrs Hunts death, also about their kidnapping the children so I will not relate a lot of state news.

The Missionaries are most of them at Hermitage, to attend the Ministers Association and as I have to keep house in Mrs.

Hall's absence, and teach school too. My letter must be hurried. By the by, why dont we get letter from America? Nothing since brother Wolcott's return, although steamers come to Kingston from New York almost every week. We cant account for it.
I was glad to hear your health is improving. But it is time to prepare for school. so good bye. But I cannot say good bye, without again urging you to visit Jamaica. Mrs W. said you had some thought of coming. I so wish you would. it would do you a vast amount of good. I am confident, and we should all be so delighted to see you here. and then its such a beautiful country, and so near America, I'm sure we will all do our prettiest to entertain you.——

I remain as ever
Your affectionate friend
Maria Hicks.—

P.S. My kind remembrances to Miss Dodge and Mr Coffman.

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Miss Maria Hicks
Jamaica
March 19/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Brainerd Jan. Mar 25 1854

Rev. Geo Whipple

Dear Brother- At a meeting of the Mission held at Hermitage on the 14 & 15th inst., Bro Wolcott, - in accordance with a notice previously given, having tendered his resignation, as Corresponding Sec'y of the Mission, it was voted- "that his resignation be accepted, & the thanks of the Mission presented to him, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office"- On motion, voted- "that Bro J. M. Richardson be appointed to fill the office thus vacated"—

It will be understood, of course, that Bro W- still retains the office of Treas., & as such, will transact the financial business of the Mission, as heretofore—

The outline of a plan for the management of the Normal School, embracing Qualifications for Admission, Regulations &c was presented, by a Com- appt for that purpose, & adopted as the basis of future action- But as no definite response to our former action, had reached us from the Ex- Com- the final decision of the matter (as to Pers., time, place &c was postponed. I should add however, that it was voted to reconsider the question of establishing it at Brainerd, & Hermitage was proposed as a more eligible site, by some of the Beth- The question was laid on the table, for further consideration. It having been ascertained that the house at Dorm Per required thro' repairs or rebuilding, voted "that we recommend that arrangements be made for building a house at Dorm Per, as soon as practicable, & that Bros Wolcott & Benning be a Com to superintend the const—"

It was not intended by this recommendation, to authorise any draft on the Soc- at least, for the present. But they will get the people to do what they can towards making a beginning- It is a rather damp, unhealthy locality, & Brot Sister B- have suffered considerably from sickness, owing, in part perhaps, to the want of suitable accommodations. Sister B is now quite feeble, & it is feared she will go into a decline-
We were much disappointed in not receiving letters from you before our Meeting at Sh- the box containing our mails &c (per Bonita) reached Kingston during our Meeting but did not pass the customs until two days after its close- We were therefore obliged to call a special meeting at Oberlin on the 21st to take into consideration the contents of your letter, & one I recd from my Bro- at the same time- We were all much pleased & gratified with the action of the Ex Com- in the several matters noticed in your letter, & return our hearty thanks for the same- We quite approve of your resolution, respecting the payment of Miss Howe's expenses home- Voted to authorise the Treas to draw for the $50, appropriated to the purchase of land for Oberlin Station- Voted that the Soty be requested to submit the following estimates, as covering the $600 recommended to be appropriated for Building & Repairs- viz

Rock River- (School House)	£45-0-0	
Good Hope- do " & Deed of land	27-0-0	
Providence- ballance due on Sch House	4-10-0	
Brainerd- do " Repairs on Mt R.	9-10-0	
Good Hope- Approtd for Dwelling House	40-0-0	
	£126-0-0	

You will perceive that the above estimate does not include the cost of fitting up rooms for the High School & Teacher,

nor the expense incident to opening a new school in Portland, which is in contemplation. We have already expended 25 or 30 Dolls in fitting up a comfortable tenement in the lower part of our house for Br & sister Sills. We intended to make our estimates on the lowest & most economical scale. But we cannot open new schools, & enlarge our operations, without considerable additional expense. Nor do we intend to recommend any investment of the Society's funds, unless we think it will pay well in good results in the future. Look at Good Hope for example. A neat, substantial school house has been erected at a cost (to the soc) of about $130, & more than 30 Dolls of that for the seed of truth & now there is a flourishing school of nearly 70 scholars! Who can point to a more splendid speculation, in the Stock line of Benevolence?

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In your letter to Br W. you mention having had some conversation with my Brother Stillbrook about coming to Jamaica as a laborer & ask my opinion. As I have intimated, I rec'd a long letter from him at the same time, stating the reasons that had induced him to offer himself to the Soc & asking my advice. I confess the proposition took me a little by surprise, altho' I had written to him nearly a year ago, requesting him to consider the question whether his duty to God & the world might not require him to leave his present business for a sphere of more active usefulness. At that time he stated that his engagements were such that he could not leave without serious detriment to his employers. Since that time we have had no correspondence on the subject. Circumstances have occurred, which seem to him to open the way for such a change, & he finds his heart responding to the call. We need his help. I know of no missionary field

in which he would be likely to do most good, than here. I have written him as fully as time will permit, of the difficulties & trials connected with our work here. If, after reading what I have written, he & his wife still incline to come, I can't say nay! Rather (if the Com. are satisfied) I say yea, with all my heart! I have laid the matter before the Brethr. of the Mission & after stating what I knew of his past history & present qualifications, I asked their action on the subject. They voted unanimously to recommend the Com. to send him out. With his wife I have no acquaintance. I think the Pastor & members of the ch. with which they are connected, would be best able to judge of their spiritual fitness for the work. She mentions that you fear for his health. From what I know of his past history, & what he writes me of his present state, I should have no hesitation in advising him to come, so far as that is concerned. I think the climate on these mountains is delightful, & would agree with him well. If the Com. decide to send them, I think the sooner they come the better. As you recommend the Mission to vote on the question of asking additional aid, the matter was considered at our late meeting & the following resolution adopted. "That we recommend the Ex. Com. to send out, as soon as practicable, the following individuals, if they can be obtained. J. Fuller (of Oberlin) A. Hathaway, E. H. Richardson, and Miss Emma J. Atkins & Miss Marion Brick of Lenox, Ohio. Or the same number of individuals (male & female) if they cannot be obtained." Miss Hicks has decided to return to the U. S. this spring. A female teacher is wanted immediately to supply her place, & another as assistant at Mt. Patience. A male teacher will be required for Portland & one for Rock River. There is also a loud call for a school to be established at Brandon Hill. Bro. Fuller is needed to labor in Portland. If the Com. will send us this corps of laborers, we will try to manage the High School without additional help. i.e. if you conclude to bid us "God-speed" in that enterprise. We hope the Com. will favor us with their action on this question, as soon as may be convenient, that we may know what course to pursue.

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You mention that you have been unable to get the Steamers to take our mails of late - We have been greatly disappointed & tried by a 3 months suspension of intercourse, as you may suppose - I think, however, that we have now been able to make arrangements that will only require the prompt coöperation of the office agent at the Rooms, to prevent a like disappointment in future - 1st We wish all our letters, mailed by the first Steamer after they reach N York, if possible -
2 We wish all our newspapers, Pamphlets &c to be done up in one package (every two weeks) & addressed to "Dr. A. Barrett - for Jam. Mission - Care of L. Cushe Esq Commercial Rooms - Kingston Jam." then have them sent to S. S. Gilpin's Exchange Rooms, New York, and they will be forwarded without delay or extra expense - We wish to have each paper marked with the name of the individual for whom it is designed, at the office of publication, & then each one's tied up by themselves before being put into the package - In this way we shall avoid confusion & irregularity, & derive much greater pleasure as well as profit from our home mails - as it has been, they do not pay the expense of sending them - May we not hope for a fair trial, on the above plan?

In a letter that I wrote hurriedly to Br Rappard last week, I spoke of Miss Shuntz death & the state of affairs in reference to Dr Sh - & the family - I also mentioned that we had succeeded in getting peaceable possession of three of the children - I have since learned that ~~she~~ Mrs Evans

expressed a determination to get them from under our influence at all hazards - It is therefore thought best to send them to America to their friends, as soon as possible - And at our Mission meeting it was unanimously resolved "That we recommend to the Ex-Com- that they defray the expense of sending home the children of the late Wm Sb Evarts, or so many of them, as satisfactory arrangements can be made for so doing" -
I understand that the investigation respecting the cause of Mrs Evarts' death (had last week) was no more satisfactory than that on occasion of Miss Sb-s - Whether the Attorney General will move in the matter, remains to be seen - It seems to be the prevailing opinion that he will - Since I wrote Bro S the Cholera has been on the increase. It seems to be spreading in some of the country parts of the Island - It has made its appearance in the vicinity of Oberlin, & at Chesterfield - At the latter place there have been 6 cases within a week, & all but one proved fatal in a few hours! They all occurred within ½ a mile of Miss Dean's - One was a member of the Ch - there - Pray for us, that the ravages of the destroying angel may be stayed! If the weather continues dry, there is hope that it will not increase rapidly - But if the rainy season should set in, it would doubtless rage fearfully - I do not think the fear of it, should hinder any one from coming here to labor, as with proper care the risk is not great, & the poor people will only require, that greater efforts be made to save them, ere it be forever too late - "The redemption of their souls is precious, & it will soon cease forever!"

I must not omit to add, that our late meeting at Shemilage, was by far the most interesting and profitable one, that I have attended since I came here. It was good to be there, for the spirit of God was manifestly present to commune with us, & we felt our hearts strengthened & comforted. Our hopes & fears - our joys & sorrows - our success & discouragements - were freely discussed - and tho' the latter abounded, yet I trust we all felt, that (thro' grace & faith) the former did much more abound. Some of the brethren remarked, that they felt as tho' they had been reconverted. I believe we were all convinced, that we had been too unbelieving & distrustful, in reference to the ultimate success of our work. Bro Wm C. Hearty - the Teacher & Catechist having charge of the Independent Ch. Congn at Shortwood near Kingston - was present, & united with our association. Bro Beardslee, who has charge of the ch. to which Bro Wheeler ministered, is also a member. We resolved to make special efforts to induce our people to give & do more, for the support of the Gospel, & the institutions of Religion, among them. We feel that while the Soc are increasing their appropriations for the Missions, our churches should also increase their contributions, as God has prospered them.

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Excuse the want of arrangement in the business items of this letter, & I will try to be more methodical in future. Mrs R. joins in kind regards to yourself & family, also to Bros Pappan, Jocelyn &c. Any suggestions respecting our correspondence thankfully rec'd.

Yours aff Bro D. M. Richardson

Rev. A. M. Richardson.
Jamaica
March 23/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Hermitage March 27. 1854

Rev. J. Whipple

Dear Brother.

The last received from you came to hand on the 18th inst, dated Feb. 16 — containing the Resolutions of the Ex. Com.. We had a mission meeting on the 22d — You will probably receive communications from bro. Richardson before you get this. We had a meeting of our Ecclesiastical Association at Hermitage on the 14th & 15th. A very interesting time — One of the best of the kind that we have ever had — Some interesting & profitable pieces were read, & discussions had, together with public services — Business matters will be communicated to you by bro. Richardson. I ought, perhaps, to say that I presented my resignation of the business of Sec. & Treas. at our first Mission meeting after my return, and nominated bro. R. to fill my place — and gave some substantial reasons therefor. Objections were raised to receiving the resignation at that time, and the subject was dropped with the understanding that it would be presented again at our March meeting. It seems to have been thought best that I should retain the accounts & make a division of labor. Accordingly, my resignation of the office of Sec. was formally made & accepted, and br. R. appointed unanimously to this duty — It is sufficient to say that the reasons for this were all embraced in this one, viz: the interests of the mission would be thus best subserved — As members of the mission, we have all a mutual & good understanding in the matter —

I purpose to send with this a statement of accounts for your & Mr. Ward's inspection & correction. Any alterations & additions to be made, you will please suggest to me as early as possible that I may have all right on books —
I think I have all on your books up to the time I left N.Y. & most since. In footing up the items & finding the large amount we are coming to want I am frightened. But the bills come upon me & must be paid; what shall I do? — Over $1000. per yr. for regular salaries — and then the extras — O dear! but how can we do without them? They are but a tithe of what we want, and must feel embarrassed because we cant get? O, why dont I find a copper mine out of which I could get money by thousands? I can dig, but to beg I am ashamed! — This everlasting repetition of drawing drawing, drawing on a missionary society, and the frequent necessity of crying more, more, more to meet this & this & that want — brother, I dont like it — not that I have any obj. to min.rs or Sor. or missionaries — but this money business, that is the 'black sheep in the flock.' — Perhaps I am too sensitive, but I dont see how I can help it. I would rather earn my bread by the 'sweat of my face' — but I dont know that I could sweat much more than I do already if I should try. But really I do feel an irrepressible desire, in some way, to make my mission self supporting. We want a new house at Devon Pen & must have it, or give up, which we dont mean to do. So much money is wanted in every direction that I feel no heart to call for any. And I dont know how this house is to be built unless I do the larger part myself. Our people will do something and will

think they do a great deal. but they are great children, & say what we will of their virtues, they prefer to look on and say "minister do well" to feeling the burden heavy on their own shoulder —— Indeed they will sometimes even reproach us that we dont do more, since rich people are giving us money to be used for their benefit —— But the wants of this People are very great & increasing. Others are forsaking them & who will take them up? We have calls in every direction to establish schools - and many of them are urgent. I met a man this morning from a thickly settled neighborhood some 5 miles from here, where they have had an apology for a school which is now given up. The people want a school, but of themselves cannot get it. A hundred children are here left to run worse than wild —

A proposition is before the mission to locate the High School at Hermitage instead of Brainerd. It could be managed here at a much less expense than there - The advantages of manual labor here are superior to most places - The chief objection seems to be that there are too limited social privileges here - but then might not the school create these? —— Another, the buildings are at B. But if the school occupies the buildings a new parsonage must be built which will cost more than all the additional buildings here - &c. &c —— What think you of the idea?

We are sorry to say that the cholera is prevailing again thro the country. Seven have died out of nine cases at Chestnutfield within a week. Not one was taken here when the pestilence appeared before - A new case is just reported to me, & I have sent medicines by a boy — What will become of our people if God wastes them so with the pestilence? But it is meant, no doubt for good.

Mary closed school in the middle of last week & is down with us - she was quite unwell - now better - Mrs. Carpenter has had rather a severe turn of pain in the bowels, probably not cholera - She is pretty well again — We have had some merry making applying the hydropathic treatment - That is the sort of remedy - better than all the pills & drugs in N.Y. — I presume you will have heard from others about affairs at Dr. Hydes - the death of Miss Hunt from poison - (saltpeter) by her own or some other hand - the suspicions of foul play in the death of Mr. Coarts, &c &c — I need not take time to state particulars — Some persons in Kingston seemed disposed to make capital against us, from the fact of Miss Hunt coming out with us; but I "guess" they have business enough of their own on hand, to make much out of that. It will lose us no friends. Mere scandal will fall on the head of them who utter it. —

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I find Mrs. Carpenter's plan for schools quite like the one I have long cherished - a family school. I could get any desirable number of children from ten to sixteen years old, given me as my own children, as soon almost, as I would let the fact be known that I would receive them. Mrs. C. has faith that we can make the plan practicable - I hope so - we want only a little money. Suppose a donation of $10,000, - this would purchase an Estate give a colony of the people freeholds, and permanently endow such a school as is proposed - a school which would produce men & women. — Another thing - I want a portable horse power, and two large circular saws - cross-cut & slitting, with arbor & pullies - to lessen manual labor & facilitate building - It will take me a year, with prosperity, to pay for them.

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Such a power &c. as I want will cost for the power $60 to $65. Saws &c. say 90 or 95$ — Can you help me to get them as early as June or July, or immediately on the arrival of Bro. Olds in N.Y.? Please have your eyes open for this, and you will hear from me again (D.V.)

Mr. Carpenter is a Mechanist, and perhaps would be a willing & valuable help, to look up something of the sort — I found a power in N.Y. and the one which pleased me most, styled "Multiplied Caring" by Dibben & Bollman — I conversed with Mr. *Dibben and he offered his power on favorable terms — ($60) Mr. Carpenter would be a good judge of its comparative value for my purposes — another power which pleased me I saw on Gold Street, between Platt St. & Maiden Lane Bogardus' Horse Power. I notice these as suggestions — Something better still may be found. Good ones can be had at Allen's & at Mayher's —

That matter of Dr. B.'s with Clark Austin & Smith I have not forgotten, tho I have said nothing to him about it lately. He has been hesitating between going & not going to N.Y. for some time. He is bringing his copper business to a focus, and prospects continue to brighten for complete success. I hope your patience will not be exhausted by this long, but hasty scroll.

With much love to all the friends at the office I remain with the warmest friendship Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

*Frank Dibben 185 & 224 Canal Street

Rev. S. T. Wolcott.
Meh. Tod. 27/54
Rec'd Mar 26.

Apple 3d 1854

Bro. Whipple – I would just add – What may be of no special interest to you – We have an addition to our family in the shape of a little girl – all well – Our School has closed & will not be resumed, probably, till we get a teacher from the States – Cholera has abated in Kington – but prevails – at Providence & near Chesterfield – very malignant type – We expect the rainy season soon & what the effect will be can hardly be predicted – P. M. Way

J. M. Ivey

April 3, 1854

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Mt Joy Apr 10/94

Dear Mr Whipple

You know I live in a land of dreamers so in my dream the last night I thought you had actually arrived at Mt Joy a welcome guest. Since it is a thing so desirable that you come I shall interpret it that it is in your thoughts to come & shall hope to see one dream come to pass. I shake your hand with a Plantain leaf & a few flowers which for want of taste in the fine arts are not done up very neatly. But I beg you excuse all as I spend most of my time on my precious house plants. I have not heard from my mother & sister since last Oct why I cant say of course

If they are alive & well they will need ten dollars of my money & I beg you to send it to them on receipt of this

I have 90 names on my list of scholars & on opening school next week expect have a hundred

I am obliged to hire an assistant of course

God is blessing us in the seed time & we hope for the harvest

Pray for your unworthy sister

Mary Dean

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Mary Dean
Jamaica April 18/54

Rev^d Ge Whipple
New York

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2250
FISK UNIV.

Fort Antonio April 11th 1854

Rev. Chas. Whipple
My dear Brother

I learned with much pleasure at our late meeting of Ass.n that the Ex Com had passed a resolution approbatory of our coming home this season. It had been our intention for a long time to go to the States about this time. But the present state of my health seems to render it especially desirable that I should make a trip off the Island. I have just been passing thro a severe bilious fever, and although I now seem to be quite free from

Ans. May 11 54

disease yet my physical system seems to be quite unmanned. I am now just able to walk about the house & yard, staff in hand, like a man seventy years of age. I hope however I am gaining in strength somewhat, And yet it seems to me to be at a very slow rate.

I have not preached to my people for four weeks, And do not know when I shall again. I had hoped to be able to do so next sabbath. And still I hope to do so if my strength shall somewhat improve.

The people here are anxious to have the school reopened among them.

In my last I spoke of their building little houses that will answer for school rooms & also chapels. They have two nearly complete. One we have used as our Chapel for some time. At the other principal neighborhood they are also going on with the little chapel, but it is not as near completion as the other two.

At our last meeting we passed a resolution recommending the sending of a young man to this station as a teacher, and also to act as minister. I would suggest that it does not require that a young man to fill such a place should have passed through a regular course of study. Let him be a young man of piety, with a good

common education, and a young man of good common sense. And I apprehend that such an [illegible] would make a useful teacher & [illegible] of Christ to this people.

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Mrs [illegible] health still remains quite good. Indeed she is the only member of our numerous family that has not had a course of fever or ague & fever during the last year. During that time there has been scarcely a week at a time but some one of our family has been sick. My doctor's bill when I shall have paid my last one will amount to not a little.

Martha, our little daughter has been quite unwell of late, but was better until last night her fever returned.

I send two letters which I wish you to put in envelopes & forward as per directions. Mrs Olds unites with me in the expression of Christian love to yourself & Mrs W.

Sam as ever Your
A.G. Olds

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2251
FISK UNIV.

Kingston April 12th 1854

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother,

I yesterday drew to the order of Dr. Barrett a bill on Mr Lispenard for $200. to meet balances on present quarter's salaries. Dr. Barrett is preparing to take a steamer for N. Y. which has arrived here this morning. You may expect to see him & Capt. accompanies him Mr. Deck, to whom I sent some days since a statement of accounts & letters. By one or the other you will doubtless receive them. Bro Way wishes me to say that for the bill of medicines &c, which he sends for, he pays me $100. of it he pays this quarter, and the balance on the next quarter's salary. $100. then is to be added to my a/cs in your favor. Please remember this when you examine my statement. Bro. Way requested me to say also, that the school at Oberlin is closed for the present. Some improprieties in the conduct of Mr. Syms makes it expedient for him to resign (not be dismissed) his place at Oberlin. He may possibly be employed by us elsewhere if nothing farther objectionable is discovered. I am at liberty to say nothing more now.

In haste Yours as ever

Seth S. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Malcolm,
Almanac
April 11/54

For Jamaica Mission.

from A. B. Hill's letter May 19/54

1 doz wash tubs
1/2 " wash boards.

Sash for 12 windows 12 lights 10 X 14

7 doors (inside) –	thick 1 1/4 inches	6 ft 6 in	X 2 ft 8 in
1 " outside	1 1/2 "	6 ft 6 in	x 3 ft

1 outside door lock
Chain fastenings for inside doors
Butts for do —
1 Gro screws, ea 3/4 in 1 1/4 in
1 Kg 4d nails
1 " 6d "
1 " 8d "

4 boxes Glass (or 18 doz panes) inches 10 X 14
2 " " 6 " " 10 X 12.

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Jamaica Mission
V Manto
July 1854,
Sent by Metis,
Dec. 1854

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Brainard May 13th 1854.

Dear Brotha Whipple

You have doubtless often thought of Mrs Hills and myself as connected with this little missionary band and have wondered whether our former expectations have been met, as regards our field of labor and whether we engage in our work of teaching the ignorant with glad hearts. I can truly say that my expectations have been more than met and that I have commenced my missionary labors with high hopes of becoming greatly useful to this people. I feel that the Lord would have us here; and that is a good reason for hope: and yet there is room for doubt when we reflect upon the former habits and vicious training of this people. Vice is, or to us seems to be, the warp and woof of the great mass of the people. There are a few however who seem to love the truth for truths sake: Such take considerable interest in our schools, and often speak of the youth as the hope of Jamaica: And truly they are the hope of this people. Those who appear to be christians among the middle aged and elderly people

seem to appreciate nothing so much as temporal good — house, home, food and raiment. They speak of God's goodness in giving these blessings and in sending them Ministers & teachers, but we scarcely ever hear them speak of the spiritual blessings Christ purchased for them. Such good seems to be almost above their comprehension, and yet they will enter heaven before many who are favored with a christian education. The children generally are quite apt to learn and manifest commendable zeal in our schools. I feel that we are at work for future generations: Their minds must be elevated before they can appreciate a higher morality than that taught them under slavery: That being so the youth are our hope and must be educated in order to make them better. I have had upwards of eighty in my school which probably is not two thirds of the children in the community. All the schools are increasing and demand more teachers. We all feel that more teachers must be sent out, and we trust it is the Lords will. We feel that we have your sympathy and prayers and all will be done for this people that can be. Believing that the dear brethren and sisters at home are praying that Heavens blessings may be poured upon us and this people we will labor on cheerfully and still more so when we reflect that there is One who ever cares for us and will never forsake those who trust in Him. This lightens our tasks and renders them easy, and adds new strength and vigor. I have been somewhat afflicted of late with acclimating sores upon my feet and limbs. I have suffered considerably especially after the labors of the day at my school and riding seven or eight miles on horseback. I am better at present and I hope soon to be freed from such comforters. They often last for months and are excessively painful.

The brethren are very anxious to hear from you relative to the teachers they have requested you to send us. When we meet we always discuss the probabilities of our getting news from America. We receive intelligence so seldom that we have a sort of jubilee when our letters arrive. I speak for others mostly now for I have recd letters from America only once since I have been here. Mrs Hills and the brethren and sisters join with me in love and good will to you all. May the Lord direct your labors at home so that the whole world shall yet be blessed through the societies endeavors to promulge the Gospel of Christ

Yours truly

Amos B Hills

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I wish you to purchase for me and forward to the care of Dr Barrett one dozen washtubs and also some washboards, at least one half doz.

As chairman of the Building Committee of the dwelling house (for myself) at Good Hope, I am authorised to send you an order for the following viz

Sash for one doz windows, twelve-lighted, ten by fourteen

Eighteen doz panes glass ten by fourteen
Six " " " " twelve

Seven inside doors, 1 1/4 inches thick { two feet eight inches by six " six "

One outside door, 1 1/2 inches thick { three feet by six " six inches

Lock for outside door — cheap fastenings for inside doors and hinges.

One gross inch & quarter screws.
" " three quarter "

One keg four penny nails
" six — "
" eight — "

A. B. Shiller
Brauers
May 18/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2264
FISK UNIV.

Rev. C. H. Richardson

Brainerd. May 17th 1854.

Dear Bro Whipple

As Bro Hills is writing you, I improve the opportunity by enclosing a few, hasty lines. We are all, at present, in comfortable health, altho' I have not quite regained my usual strength, since my recent illness. I had a severe attack of Dysentery, a few weeks ago, & was very much prostrated for some days. But by the timely application of the water treatment, combined with Homoeopathy, & Lord's good blessing upon both, the disease was arrested, & I was able to get about again in two or three weeks. There is much sickness all around us. The cholera is raging, as you know, in many parts of the St. There have been two cases in this neighborhood within a week, but both recovered. I trust these threatened judgments, will not be entirely lost upon the hearts of the people, altho' it is to be feared that many (as before) will only harden themselves under them. I think there has been some increase of interest in spiritual things of late. Prayer & Inquiry meetings are better attended. The Spirit of Lord is evidently stirring up the hearts of some of his people to take hold of His arm for strength. I have felt my own ~~soul~~ mind greatly burdened, of late, for these perishing souls. I have tried to be more faithful, & have desired above all things else, to see Lord honored in their salvation. Bros Moffat & Hills, with myself & our wives have established a weekly meeting for our own spiritual improvement & to pray for a revival of Lord's work among this people. I trust the Lord has been with us in very deed.—

I suppose Bro H- has written you about the Schools—
they are in a flourishing condition, so far as numbers &
general interest is concerned. We are waiting anxiously
to learn whether we are to have a reinforcement this
Spring to supply our pressing wants. Sister Hall is teaching
until some one can be obtained to fill Miss Hall's place.
The School at Oberlin is suspended until some one arrives
to fill the place of Chas Sims, whose conduct has been such
that he has been suspended from teaching. How is it, that
we hear nothing respecting my brother Holbrook's coming?
We thot certainly to have heard last week by Steamer.
And how about the High School? We can take no further
steps until we hear from the Com. You have probably
learned that Miss Carpenter has made an offer for
Richmond Estate (near Eliot) & expects to purchase it. for
$5000. It contains upwards of 1000 acres, & the buildings
on it, are worth nearly the price of it. It is a fine situa-
tion for carrying out her plan for an Industrial School.
She expects to return to N York soon, to secure the funds needed.
I wish we had a 50,000 dollar fund, to purchase & land to
sell out again to the people. It would do more good
than the Congtl Building Fund. A loan even, would be sufficient.
Has Bro W Hall ever written you for a Bell or two? We need
one much at Brainerd. Ours is little better than a cowbell.
It would answer for "Good Hope" School. We want one
that weighs 200 or 250 lbs. I think the people would meet
the expense of getting it out here. It would make a
decided impression on the community & the moral influence
would be good. Please order me 40 additional copies of
the "Child's Paper." I want to cultivate a taste for good reading
among our young people. But I must close, with a
request to be kindly remembered to the dear Bretn of the
Com. Hope we may get hear from you this week.
Mrs R. unites in Christian Love. Your aff Bro A. M. Richardson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. A-2254
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica May 18th 1854

Revd George Whipple

Dear Brother. Many of the things which deeply interest us have been communicated to you by others. And for that reason I have not written them myself.

You are aware that we are now left without a teacher. I suppose too. you know all the essential particulars in the case. I find on the list of the last quarter seventy four names. We regard a good school to be of so much importance that in case we could have none, we should not feel it worth while to try to keep up the Station.

As a temporary arrangement Mrs Hall has gone into the school. though it is doubtful how long she will be able to continue to teach. as we have failed of the help which we expected to get in the family. It is too much and she ought really never to have undertaken it. May we not hope a teacher will be sent to us soon.

You have probably known for some time that the Cholera was again doing its fearful work in Jamaica. It made its appearance about us several weeks since. The first Sabbath after its appearance was one of deep interest to me. I preached from the words. "Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" During the sermon I remarked, that it was no more than might be expected. that some who were present, would not live to see another Sabbath. Four men who were here that day. were here then for the last time. Two of them were living as two many others are. The other two were

members of the Church. One of them had a large family and when he found there was no hope of recovery, he called them about him, and calmly told them to look at him — that he was going to die, but that he was not afraid, for he had made God his friend when he had health. He then warned them to turn to God, and told them that if they neglected it until they came where he was it would be too late.

We have some reason to hope his admonition was not wholy in vain. But the masses seem to harden their hearts under the judgements of God. When the Cholera appeared the last time some said, they would not have it said of them again, that the Cholera drove them to Chapel. The congregation at this place has been considerably diminished by sickness and death. That at Brandon Hill has remained about the same as usual. There has been but one death there, that of a boy eight years old, though there have been eight or ten deaths on an adjoining property.

I suppose any thing I might say about the circumstances of poor Mr Cravate's death, or about his children would be what you have heard before. The Society certainly cannot refuse to bear their expenses to the States, unless they show special partiality to the children of Dr Hyde.

I do not know what disposition will be made of them when they get to America, in case they go, but I have written to my friends asking them to provide for them, and to communicate to you where to have them sent, so that you may know what to do with them as soon as they reach New York. Mary Jane is with us, and the boys, (the youngest two) are with Bro Olds. They are farther removed from their mother

than Mary Jane. and less liable to be carried off by any one than she is. Mrs Carpenter expects to go to New York in a few weeks, and kindly offers to take charge of her. We think it would be well to have her go then. She is a poor sickly child sorely afflicted with scrofula. It might be well for her, to go to some Water Cure Establishment for a few weeks. But I fear that will not be possible.

The two older boys are still with their mother. I do not know how we shall succeed in getting them. Jamaica is a bad place for them, and the sooner they can be sent to America the better. I saw Mrs Evarts twice about the first of March. She seemed to be as far from God and truth as ever.

It is strange, how she can carry on a successful war against her intelligence so long. Dr Hyde is her only prop. If he were removed there would be more hope of her.

We are all in usual health. The little folks think it a hard case to have their mother turn school teacher.

I remain Yours Affectionately

H. B. Hall

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Rev. H. B. Hall
Providence R.I.
May 8/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Hermitage May 23d 1854

Rev G. Whipple

My Dear Brother,

My last from you was that under date of Feb 16 - with the resolutions of the Ex. Com. &c. My last to you was sent by Dr. Barrett. One long letter of March 27th and I think another dated in April - In the former I went into a little of the detail of Mrs. C's school plan - Spoke of my own as corresponding with hers &c &c I have now the satisfaction of communicating the promise of an excellent opportunity for gratifying our long cherished wishes - or more properly to make a beginning. Bro. Richardson, Thompson, Mrs. Carpenter & myself met at Eliot on the 12th inst and examined a Sugar Estate near E. of the 1st class called Richmond - lying on the road between East & Brainard - The Estate originally contained some 1200 acres - now over 1000 - all excellent land It has extensive & flourishing Co coanut groves - a large sugar mill - water power - first rate - with the usual works, & tenements on such properties - The overseer on the authority of proprietors proposed to sell the premises reserving Still & worm - Sugar boilers carts &c for the sum of $500 - five hundred pounds - After consultation we prepared a written acceptance & pledge of payment in my name by 1st Aug next - Now you need not think

this rate — only a rare chance promptly improved. It seems almost too good to be true — Still it is just what we have been anticipating — The properties must fall to pieces, or be sold at a very moderate price — To continue the old system of cultivation is out of the question — You will readily comprehend our plan — i.e. in general to buy land by the Estate or at wholesale & sell it out to the people — here [redacted] get land for less than ten shillings per acre — 80 acres are now rented at one pound per acre per annum Buildings of the value of those on the Estate in their present condition could not be made for the money The Estate comes under the best circumstances — It is in fresh operation — the present crop of canes just coming off and left to grow again for a new purchaser — not like a property [redacted] all gone to decay — The land can be sold for [redacted] even 4 pounds per acre if we wish — Just the place & large facilities for a model school & a model farm

The property is for Mr. Carpenter if he desires it — if not, as he probably will not, it <u>must not pass beyond our control</u>. Mrs C. is preparing to start for New York by 1st vessel — assured she can & will raise us the money — We should have $3000, a little for moveables that may be offered at a bargain —

Mrs. C. proposes to raise the money without calling on the C. M. A. But I am one of that sort who never feel quite safe with less than 'two strings to our bow.' A note from bro. Hall, just arrived says - our offer for Richmond has been accepted -

Now this is the shape of the matter - If Mrs. C. will take the property & carry out her plan, all right - otherwise we take it - The business is to be conducted by me as Mrs. C.'s attorney - The mission of course backing me - until Mrs C. settles the question with her husband about her return If she does not return the matter will be with us - Now such was our talk together about speculations of this sort when we were in New York - and such I think will be your ready appreciation of the importance of the matter, that it is with the fullest confidence I ask you or the Ex. Com. of the C. M. A. thro you, for the privilege, in case of an emergency of drawing in the usual form for $3000, as a loan to the mission for this particular object - You can find a Gerrit Smith or some other friend ready for this object and you wont 'say us nay' - Can I if necessary make the draft? - The money must come, and at our personal sacrifice if not without - And farther - A fund ought to be provided of at least $1000, to be at our disposal immediately when needed for just

occasions as the above – they are likely to multiply
Making the people freeholders is an important object toward their elevation – Bro. Way says it is about the only way for us to benefit them –

A fund raised for this object would not be expended, but repeatedly invested, perhaps be increased, and be used as an instrument of great good to our oppressed people – We want this matter for the present not to be understood as a mission affair, ~~it~~ but conducted more as a private enterprise, tho with direct reference to the interests of the mission & as part of our work – You may wish a communication of this sort had been official – It could not well be so now in time – if at all – Rest assured, the brethren are all in earnest in this thing & expect you will be of course. I expect some of them to furnish Mrs C with written expressions of their sense of its importance.

My main design in this is simply to furnish my bow with a string that cannot fail on the last resort – I hope I may not need to use it –

I go to town tomorrow & must make drafts for next quarter – I may add more before Mrs. C. leaves – Mrs. C. may take this I may mail it.

Dont delay a reply – My love & that of Mrs. W. to all the dear friends – As ever Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

Ps. I mail this May 27 – yesterday I drew on Mr Tappan for $500 – a few days before the time – Mrs. C hopes to get a steamer next week –
S. T. W.

May 27/54 (Jos. H. Mc Lee 76)

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Wilmington 26 May 1859

Rev. G. Whipple

Dear Brother

It is near 11 O'clock, I must devote a few minutes to you, before leaving home I prepared a letter to you intending to send by Mrs. Carpenter; but fearing some delay I have this eve put it into the hands of a faithful friend to mail tomorrow. It contains business of importance - amounting to a most urgent request that as a last resort I, or perhaps I should say we, may be allowed to draw on Mr. Tappan as treas. of the A. M. A. for $3000 - loan $2500 would barely suffice - we could possibly make up for extras here - for the purchase of Richmond Sugar Estate - Said letter I hope will not miscarry. Mrs. C. will render you an account of affairs in detail. I have this day drawn on Mr. Tappan for $500. It is a few days before the time - but business brought me to town and as a steamer is just now expected I had an opportunity of disposing of this amt. today. It is rather difficult selling bills now at all and I must improve a favorable opportunity. I shall be obliged to draw for the balance of the coming quarter soon - Cholera is still severe in many places - none now in Town - we have lost seven of our church at Devon Pen. - Mr. Oughton's affairs have come to the worst - Yesterday morning he was hung in effigy, and by some means the tables were turned

and the same image made to represent leading characters on the other side hanging in a very ludicrous manner - This greatly exasperated the opposing party - created a great crowd all day, much quarrelling & some fight. The confusion still continues. I spent this evening there. The people are keeping forcible possession of the chapel & intend to get the minister turn soon. Mr. C. proposes to give up & leave for England. A few more such scenes as this must inspire the people with "awe & reverence for ministerial character"! dont you think so? - "Ministerial dignity" is in danger of being at a large discount ere long ——

I will say no more now -

Love to all

Yours Truly

S. T. Wolcott

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
Hampton Conn
May 26/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2257
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Miss.n Jan.y May 27. 1854.

Dear Bro. Whipple.

I sent an order for medicins some time since, & left, as you was advised by Bro. Wolcott, $100. of last quarter's salary & the ballance on account now due. I beged you to forward them immediately. & was in expectation of receiving them before this time, & several vessels have arrived since from N. Y. Some of the medicins I want very much, & you can hardly imagine the inconvenience I am put to for the want of them in these times of Cholera & sickness. The Cholera is now general throughout the most of the Island. new cases occur about here daily & almost every one has the first symptoms. I have had about a 100 cases of Cholera & probably twice that number of incipient Cholera - and you may be glad to know that the treatment has been remarkably successful when given in season. The boy of which I spoke in my former letter, in my family has entirely recovered. ——— There is a degree of seriousness among the people, but we can expect little permanent good from this judgt. of God, You can scarcely conceive the feelings that oppress us, and almost distract in our labours among this people. I try to improve my opportunities of talking to the people for their spiritual good whilst administering to their temporal sufferings - As I shall soon give my annual report I will say no more now. Our family are all well - If you have not shipped the medicins - I hope you will soon - Yours truly P. McWay

We need nothing from N. Y. since Nov as medicine are here. Please see invoice enclosed
Whipple

Rev. J. M. May.
Jamaica, W.I.
May 27/54

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MAY 29 1854

Rev. J. O. Beaumont
Lexington Ken
May 29. 1854

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2258
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Jamaica
29th May 1854

My dear Brother

It is some time since I have had the pleasure of receiving a line from you. I must therefore make an occasion for addressing you. In the first place I would like to know how my affairs stand in the money way. I supposed that my papers had been paid for regularly and that the accounts I received from yourself and Bro. Harned, both including "papers", embraced my "periodical" acct. to date. I found, afterwards, a bill sent in towards the end of last year from the "Youth's Cabinet" for 3 years extending to 1856. Please have my accts settled for "Y. C." - "N.Y. Ev." - and "Independent" to the end of this year, and send me a full account including any other matters not settled with you, that I may arrange with Bro. Olds before he goes to the U.S. for the payment of the same, or I will pay it to Mr. Wolcott as you may prefer.

I am happy to say that thus far we have got on very pleasantly in our new sphere of labor in Kingston, and have had many tokens of the Lord's presence and favor among us. We have received to the fellowship of the Church 50 persons since the first of last year. There is considerable interest among the young people, a few hopeful conversions recently. We are now without a School and one object I have in view is to ascertain whether we can get

any help from the "A. M. A." The L. M. S. gives nothing for the support of Schools. The Church has tried to keep up one here and managed to raise a small salary till recently. Last year they fell considerably short and the Teacher was obliged to leave. The occasion of this failure, was the withdrawal by the L. M. S. of one third the amt. usually given towards the Missionary's Salary, which of course increased by so much the amt. for the Church to raise. The Church will now have to raise £125. pr. annum on my Salary besides incidental expenses, and repairs of Mission premises, or I will be minus the deficiency whatever their shortcoming may be.

There is a most important work to be done here among the young, and I want some one who can help me in carrying on ragged Schools and in neighbourhood preaching. If doing good is to be the object I know of no field in Jamaica that promises a better return. By having a School four days in the week the education demand for the station would be met, and the other two days could be employed more in the City Mission work. Now will your Society take it up, and send us a good man — a married man would be preferred if the expense can be met. I do not think £120. would be too much for Salary in Kingston, and with that amt. a man & his wife could be comfortable. Twenty pounds of this might be met here with School fees and donations, and £100. ($500.) would be required from the "A.M.A.". Twenty pounds less would do for a single man. As the Church has hitherto been left to employ their own teacher, no objection will arise on the part

J. Mitchell has become a very useful

of the "L. M. S." against our being supplied in the way proposed. A man of some experience, and good judgement — one ready in communicating his thoughts, and able to "take the Bible and talk from it" as Dr. Beecher used to say to avoid the term "preaching" — is the sort of man needed. I shall be glad to hear at once whether the Society will entertain the application, and then, the prospect of getting a man to fill the place. You do not know how much such an arrangement would rejoice my heart because of the vast amount of good that I believe might thus be accomplished.

I have heard recently from all the Mission — Brethren was heard two days ago. All were well though the cholera is raging in the neighborhood of some of the stations. Mrs. Carpenter intends to return by the next steamer. She has sent me a letter without any direction, and as I dont know her husband's name I will enclose it with this and beg you to direct and forward it.

I am happy to say that this leaves me and my family in good health. With kind regards to Mrs. W. and the Mission fraternity,

Remain
Yours faithfully
J. V. Beardslee

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Cor. Secy. A. M. A.

Dr. What has become of our missionary files of papers? Nothing has been received since Feby. 1873.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Oberlin May 27th 1854.

Dear Bro Whipple.

I have before me a letter from the Colonial Bank of Jamaica stating that a Bill of Exchange which I gave on you in favor of Dr Barrett was not accepted. I wrote to Brother Whipple the thirteenth of March the day the bill was given that I had given the bill and that my father would transmit the amount to you in the form of a draft before the time of payment. I am a little lost to know why it was not accepted unless Bro Whipple thought I was not a responsible person Perhaps I presumed too much. The money will be sent you most certainly if it has not been already. If it is not of course my salary is at your disposal. If Brother Whipple will see the parties that presented the bill immediately and accept it I shall be pretty obliged and be willing to remunerate him for it. If it is not done the bill will be returned three months from the time it was presented with fifty or sixty dollars charges — Will Bro Whipple set this matter right and inform me accordingly as soon as practicable. Love to all the dear brethren — I should like very much to have the Advocate & Guardian sent me and charged to my acct. Your brother in Christ

Amos B. Hills

Amos B. Hills
Oberlin — Jan.
May 27/54

Oberlin Mission Jamaica W.I. Jun 19. 1854

My dear Bro. Whipple - As I have heard nothing from that order for medicines I am in great suspense - Do my brother - if you have not already shiped them attend to it immediately - & oblige me this once - Should you desire - it would suit me to take Mr. Tappan's note for the ballance of the draft, after settling my account for medicines - I do not expect to need the money till I return to N.Y. - By the mining operations I expect, soon, from one to two thousand dollars - as I have sold out all my interest therein - Which I can pay here, for you, & take your note for the same - if it will be any accomodation to the Society - The Cholera is still raging around us - Our health is tolerable considering the circumstances - Pray for us - Please put in an envelope & forward the within to Mr. Lands & oblige

I am dear Bro - Yours truly P. M. Way

P.S. a few conversions lately - congregations scribers & large

Rev. J. M. Gray
Oberlin Jan.
June 15/04

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2260
FISK UNIV.

Kingston June 10th 1854

Mr. L. S. Ward,

I have just time to say that our mail, box goods, & a letter from you have all come to hand for which we feel very grateful. I regret not to find a letter from bro. Whipple. I have drawn on Ind. Bap. for $650, a portion of which is on acc of Mrs. Carpenter and <u>includes</u> an order sent to Mrs. C. by Mr. Whipple for $50 which order I will destroy. Council with respect to the Richmond Estate. The Overseer says the final result is <u>sure</u> — we shall have the property for the price named. Please say so to Mrs. C. I may say that I am fully enlisted in the affair, about which Mrs. C will tell you — I must say here that with respect to money which we <u>must</u> have, If any comes to us through the Co. Mr. C, our

Rev. J. T. Mallett to L. S. Ward June 10/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2261
FISK UNIV.

Bro. Way will pay over to us here, from ten to fifteen hundred dollars and take a note for the same from the Cash. Payable on his return to America — This of course is a suggestion which may be used for convenience in transmission of funds &c —

I do hope our friends will feel interested in what we are at in some measure proportionate to the importance of the subject. If we have business in hand which, if carried, will tell, if not perhaps we may all as well be recalled — Our compliments to all the friends at the office — I want very much from you an answer to my request respecting accounts &c — Send believe me sincerely yours & heart

Seth W. Cobb

Miss Marion Hicks
Mt Meriden N.H.
June 22/54.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2262
FISK UNIV.

Mission House. Providence
June 22nd 1864.

Rev. G. Whipple.
Cor. Secty. of A. M. A.

My dear Brother

In a letter which some of our Missionaries have received from you, there is a remark to the effect that my case was to be considered and decided upon as to my returning ~~in~~ this season. I suppose my case ere this has been considered and decided in the affirmative, as Dr Barrett wrote me that "Mr Whipple expected me whenever I please to come." I feel very grateful that the Sp. are willing I should return as I greatly desire to prosecute my studies. They have accepted me as a pupil at Mount Holyoke, and I am to enter in Oct. I am very thankful that I can study there. I have great respect, almost veneration, for the memory of Mrs Lyon, and I suppose the remaining teachers have much of her zeal

and self denial. I hope I shall imbibe more and more of her spirit. Mr Olds and family expect to leave about the middle of next month and I design to accompany them. Whether I shall go West or remain in the East till I enter the Seminary is not yet decided. We shall spend a few days in New York after our arrival.

We are feeling very anxious about teachers. I hope you will send some competent person to fill my place. The school is in a very interesting state and ought by all means to be continued. It requires so much exertion to interest parents to send their children and takes such a time to raise the school if once discontinued that I do hope a teacher will be here to step in Ebenezer when I leave.

I think I have written you once before that we had two female girls in the family. I have felt particularly anxious for them and you may well imagine

the pleasure I felt when one of them expressed great concern for her soul and sorrow for sin. One of my largest girls in school has also been very serious, and expressed anxious desires for her soul. I think that she is sincere. I have observed her closely, and never discovered anything anti christian in her language or deportment. They are having a very interesting revival at Brainerd as doubtless the good Missionaries there have written you. It is almost school time and I must hasten to a close. Will you please be kind enough to retain all letters, that may come for me, till my arrival. My kind remembrances to Mr Tappan and Miss Dodge, and with kind regards to yourself, believe me to be

Your Sincere Friend
Maria Hicks.

Please forward the enclosed.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

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Rev. Geo. Whipple

Sec. Am. Mis. Association

No. 48. Beekman St.

New York.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Jamaica Mission.
~~Letters~~ & be
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to J. S. Gilpin
67 Merchants Exchange

5 and
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$650. June 19/84

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2264
FISK UNIV.

Rev. H. B. Hocc
July 5th 1854

Providence Jamaica July 5. 1854

Dear Brother Whipple

Your letter of May 5th in which you speak of the children of Mr Evarts was duly received. As it seems you have not been informed very fully of the manner in which we obtained the children. I will give you the facts as briefly as I can that you may judge of our actions and of public sentiment respecting them. But in doing so the matter of Mr Evarts death &c will be involved. In January facts came to the knowledge of the Mission through Anderson Rennie who was with Mr Ev when he died, which caused a deep suspicion that his death was caused by unfair means. And finally Bro Richardson & Mr Rennie went and laid the case before the Magistrate of the parish in which he died. This was on Friday. The Magistrate appointed an investigation of the matter at Berkshire Hall (the estate where Mr Ev died and where his wife still lives) on the next Monday. & desired Bro Richardson & Rennie to be present. One of them was formerly acquainted with Mr Evarts. and manifested a deep interest in his case and in that of his children. And said that if I would be present on Monday he would put the children into my hands.

But on arriving there on Monday. we learned that on Saturday Miss Hunt and an Irishman in the employ of Dr Hyde had died at his house. And were buried in a great hurry. and that on Sabbath their bodies were taken up, and an Inquest held upon them. that the Jury did not render a verdict. but were to meet at the court house (six miles from there) on the next Monday. when the investigation respecting Mr Evarts death would be made.

and that word was left for us to be present on that day. We accordingly went again. Miss Hunts case occupied the time until 3 oc P. M. During the mean time we advised with the principle Magistrates of the Parish. They said that were it their case they would go and take the Children. And in their individual capacity. encouraged our doing so. They said distinctly that we should not be breaking any law. I was particular in urging that inquiry. As I was not willing to expose myself to the law.

The case of Mr Evarts had to be put off still another week. but the Magistrates just called it up and detained Dr Heyde & Mrs Evarts on it, for the sake of giving us time to go and get the Children before they should get home.

Mrs Evarts went back to the Magistrates about the Children but as they would give her no satisfaction. she said she would go to the Governor. But it is a question whether her appearing to be outraged by the Children being taken away. was not all pretense that she might not appear to the Authorities. to be indifferent respecting them. when there were suspicions resting upon herself & Dr Heyde respecting those three deaths. If she has not lost all natural affection why has she not come her self. or sent some one to inquire after the Children?

The circumstances of those deaths caused a good deal of excitement in the Parish. and brought out the manner in which Dr Heyde is living. and ~~caused~~ awakened a good deal of sympathy in favor of the Children. and in favor of our taking them. There is a rejoicing in their deliverance as far as the case is known. And no one whispers that any law. either of God or man has been broken. William Wemyss Anderson, in a letter now before me, says. "If those who have the Children will hold them fast there is nothing to fear.

Mrs Evarts must apply to the Vice Chancelor and notice of the application will be given to those who have the children in custody who will state their reasons for their detention. which will assuredly be regarded as sufficient and Mrs Evarts application will be refused". And they would have to pay the cost of their own suit in the court of Chancery. which would probably be between £50 and £500. To obtain the children legally I must have gone through the same process. If we did not break any law in getting the children then I should think the laws were greatly deficient If some one should carry my children off. must I have a long & expensive Chancery suit in order to get them again?

But I think the Magistrates made the non illegality of our taking the children rest upon the fact of their being thus neglected. They say "You are their Uncle. You find the children in that neglected condition and you take them up and carry them home. You break no law. I say suppose I send them to America? They say "very well". "You break no law".

I think the Executive Committee will not be asked to bear any of the responsibility of "their being withheld from their parent contrary to law". If they will bear the expenses of Mr Olds' family when he goes to the States I think that will be all. And will they say he has not a right to have as large a family as any Missionary?

A.M.A. AND C. SOCIETY NO. FISK UNIV.

The older two boys are still with their mother but was with her when we took the younger children. and George was out after the cows. But who can tell where they may be in a few weeks The letter which you enclosed from Samuel R Hall speaks for itself. I think some one should give him a line in reply to it.

Well ——————————————————— !!!

Since writing you last I have had a severe attack of Cholera. We have every reason to believe that had I delayed for a short time the use of means to check the disease it would have been too late. The largest part of the members of our Mission have been attacked by that fearful disease, though all our lives have been graciously spared. Several members of the Mission are in poor health. Bro & Sister Richardson are so poorly that I fear the days of their labors in Jamaica are nearly numbered.

The cholera still lingers among the people and there is occasionally a death from it.

Will you send me, by the first opportunity, $2. worth of U.S.A postage stamps. There should be those of different values

Will you also send twenty five (25) Christian Almanacs for 1855. as soon as they are published. I have not seen the Christian Almanac for 1854. will you send one of those?

Can you send enough genuine vaccine matter, and in such a shape that it will not spoil crossing the ocean, to vaccinate one child (of course there would be enough for a few others) I see by papers there is a good deal of small pox in New York, & that it is opposed by vaccination, so I hope you can obtain some matter.

We looked in vain for our names among the life members of the A.M.A. —?

Our little ones have been having sore eyes, but we are otherwise in usual health. Mrs Hall joins in kind regards

Yours Affectionately

H. B. Hall

P.S. I now take 20 copies of the Child's Paper and wish 20 copies more, which please have commence with this month as I think it is the beginning of the year with that paper

money to work with & I have some faith that it will come by & by

Mt Joy July 10/54

Dear Br Whipple

As brother

The holidays are near will be sending & I will write you a long letter while I am resting for us. Can you procure & send to me Jared Douglass paper & oblige

Your unworthy friend
Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2265
FISK UNIV.

Mary Dean
July 10/54

My sister acknowledges the receipt of $8.24 which you have never sent any account of to Mr Wolcott & I think perhaps it is an oversight on your part. Mrs Wolcott says there was $8.24 for my personal use at

the rooms & it may a $50 Melodeon for
be that you sent me for which you
But I supposed & will withhold my
think so still that next quarter sal-
the $25 was for ary. I shall
life membership a be greatly obliged
certificate of which if you will send
I have received & the $10 to Mother
in that case the money which I mentioned in
is none of mine I
have requested Mr
Valcott to send for my last. I am work
the $25 for Mr Smusing very hard & I
& Mr Olds is to forward want plenty more

Bro Whipple. I have copied some resolutions upon the accompanying sheet. but the writing is so blind that I fear you cannot read it. so I will rewrite them on this sheet. and send with that

H. B. Hall

At a special meeting of the Mission called at Oberlin July 10 at which all the male members of the Mission were present, to take into consideration the propriety of Bro A M Richardson's leaving the Island on a visit to the United States on account of ill health the above (enclosed) statement was presented and in view thereof the following Resolutions were passed unanimously.

Resolved 1st That it is with deep sorrow that we have witnessed for the last five months the advancing symptoms of ill health in our dear Bro Richardson and his wife

Resolved 2d That from our knowledge of the present state of health of Bro and Sister Richardson and our fears for the future the only counsel we feel safe in giving is, that with as little delay as possible they leave the field of their labors, and go to the United States for a change. and this we do notwithstanding the very interesting work of grace now in progress among his people. which seems to demand the presence of a faithful pastor

L. Thompson } Chairman
H B Hall, } Sec Pro Tem.

Oberlin Station July 10th 1854.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2266
FISK UNIV.

Jamaica Mission
Resolutions
July 10/54
Ex Com.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2267
FISK UNIV.

Dear Brethren

It has not been without much reluctance & the deepest regret, that I have consented to call you together today, to consider the question of my leaving you & my dear people, for a season. And I deem it proper to state, that in taking this step, I have acted in accordance with the advice & suggestions of others, seconded by the serious, yet unsettled convictions, of my own mind—

I can only indicate briefly, a few of the considerations that press upon my mind, in reference to this matter, & leave others to present them more fully—

1st There are serious objections to my leaving at the present time. Among them are the following—

The condition of my people is such, as seems almost to forbid the thot of such a step. A deeply interesting work of grace, is in progress— many are anxiously inquiring concerning their duty— some have been hopefully converted, & all greatly need a Pastor's counsels & instructions. I feel as tho' a great & effectual door of usefulness, was open before me, & that, (with God's blessing) I may perhaps be able to do more good, for 3 or 4 months to come, than during the whole 3 years of my residence here. Nothing but absolute necessity, can justify one, in dropping the sickle & deserting the field in the midst of a harvest perishing for lack of laborers—

Besides, if I leave now, it will necessitate a longer absence, than ~~would~~ might be required were I at liberty to select my own time for leaving. It will also impose such an additional burden of labor & responsibility, upon the Teachers at Brainerd, as, I fear, they will be quite unable to bear. Another objection is, that I am not ready to go, if it can be avoided. It disconcerts all my cherished plans & expectations, and will surprise & disappoint those who have sent us out here. I need scarcely add, that my own feelings & inclinations almost rebel, at the tho't of such a step. I love my people. I love my work. I love you, with whom I am associated in ~~with~~ labors, & I greatly desire, that the ties ~~that~~ bind us so closely together, may remain unbroken for years to come. But enough of this.

2° I am aware that all these objections must give way, at the stern call of duty. If there shall seem to be an evident necessity, for my seeking such a change now, then the Lord can well avert threatened evils & provide for all contingencies. Duties never clash. If God calls me away, He can easily supply the lack of so feeble an instrument. The great & almost only reason for my leaving now, is the precarious state of my health & the faint prospect of obtaining the rest & relaxation that my system seems to require, in any other way. As you are some of you aware, repeated attacks of

illness, within the past few weeks, have so shattered my nervous system, & reduced my physical strength, that I have become wholly unfitted for public labors. A little mental excitement or bodily exertion, quite unnerves me. Until, within a few days, I had indulged a confident expectation, that, with a short season of rest & freedom from care, my system would soon rally & recruit. But prolonged & increasing weakness seems to render such expectation almost presumptuous. I can't remain in the Mission & throw off entirely my cares & responsibilities as a missionary. I can't go out of the Mission, & remain contentedly for a few weeks, even, without my family. My wife needs rest & change, almost as much as myself, & to leave her, with the whole burden of the family on her hands, & the additional anxiety she would feel for me, in my absence, would seem almost like sacrificing her, for my sake. Neither can we visit or travel in Jaffa, with our three children, without having the care & labor counteract, in a great measure, the good results sought. If we remain another year, the prospect of our ever being able to return, is by so much lessened. If we go now, we indulge the confident hope, of being able to come back & labor for another term of years. We shall also have a goodly company on our voyage, which will be much more likely to render it beneficial, as we should be much relieved from the care & labor of looking after our children. And now, dear Beth, what shall we do? We want to know our duty, & I trust we are willing

and ready to perform it, at whatever sacrifice. We have asked counsel of God—we now ask counsel of you that He may guide us to a right decision of this important question, is my most anxious wish & earnest prayer—

A. M. Richardson

At a special meeting of the Mission called at Oberlin July 10. at which all the male members of the Mission were present, to take into consideration the propriety of Bro A M Richardson leaving the Island on a visit to the United States on account of ill health the above statement was presented and in view thereof the following Resolutions were passed unanimously.

Resolved 1st That it is with deep sorrow that we have witnessed for the last six months the advancing symptoms of ill health in our dear Bro Richardson and his wife

Resolved 2d That from our knowledge of the present state of health of Bro & Sister Richardson, and our fears for the future, the only counsel we feel safe in giving is that with as little delay as possible they leave the field of their labors and go to the United States for a change, and this we do notwithstanding the very interesting work of grace now in progress among his people, which seems to demand the presence of a faithful pastor.

Oberlin July 10th 1854

L. Thompson Chairman

H. B. Hall Sec. Pro. Tem

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Minutes Meeting
July 10/54
Rev. A. M. R.
Ex. Com.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2268
FISK UNIV.

Revd George Whipple Kingston July 12th 1854.

My dear Brother.

I have not written you for some time, and do not know that I should now, as the time for our annual ~~Secretary~~ report is so near but from the fact that our dear bro. Richardson must leave the Island. The action of the mission in his case, you will get by this mail and though his leave is suddenly and will arrive in U.S. ~~the~~ unexpectedly, yet I am sure it will be seen that we have not acted hastily in advising or bro. R. unwisely in deciding to return to U.S. just at this time. I write entirely on my own responsibility. Bro R has been and still is, a valued member of our Mission. Any other bro. can better be spared from the Mission than he. - His labors at Beaumont for the last 3. years have been productive of great good - he has done a good work there, and should his labors now cease none can ~~[illegible]~~ feel that his coming to the Island has been a failure or any thing like a failure -

We all Christ the fond hope that he will be able to return to the field of his labors in the Spring as we do that bro Old will return.

When we think of our wants, we say we cannot spare him, but when we look at the state of his health and that of his family, - we say he must go and must go now. for he must have company wherever he does go. and as bro. Olds is going, he will accompany him

2 O.C. P.M. Dr Barrett has just arrived and we regret much that no word comes about teachers Bro. Hall has no teacher at Providence and Mrs Hall has been teaching till she can teach no longer and ought not to think about it. For months there has been no school at Oberlin, Charles Syms proved himself unworthy of his place, and now we are left without a teacher at Rock River Miss Margaret Stuart having decided to go to U.S. with Mr Olds & family to pursue her studies. Besides these vacancies Bro. Moffat needs very much a good assistant at Mr Palmer's

Our waiting eyes have been turned to the Dr Barrett return when we should learn something, but alas, not one word, not even of condolence and encouragement. We will be encouraged however and hope on and hope even.

I am reminded that I must close the Steamer is off.

Give love to all

Yours in haste and love

L. Thompson

P.S. Bro Holcott wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of a note from you & a letter from Mrs Carpenter & will reply to both soon —

L.T.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. L. Thompson
Thrypton, Jam
July 12. 1854

Richardson coming home
Teachers needed

Rev'd Geo. [illegible]
48 Bedford st
New York.

STEAMSHIP
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2269
FISK UNIV.

Kingston, Jamaica.
July 26th 1877

Revd G. Whipple
Cor. Secty. A. M. A.

My dear brother,

Your little letter of June 5th containing an enclosure from home was received this week. My school closed three weeks ago to day, and I came to town expecting to sail this week, but in consequence of the failure of the health of that dear and excellent Missionary Mr. Richardson and the necessity of his speedy return to America Mr Olds has concluded to wait till brother R can accompany him, therefore it is not likely they will sail till the 12th of August. My arrangements for returning home also been changed. Dr Barrett is intending to visit New York in a month or six weeks and from thence to the West and if I wait for him I shall have company to my fathers house, and as I so dislike traveling in the capacity of "an unprotected female" I have decided to remain till the Doctor goes. I greatly long for "home sweet home" now that my school is closed I feel impatient to get off. Please do not charge me with fickleness, but indeed I expected to have reached America long before this, or at farthest by this time when I desired you to retain my letters

and I must now beg of you to forward by the next steamer whatever and all communications you may have for me, and I shall be greatly obliged. Give my love to Mrs Dodge and my kind regards to Mr Hoffman. May the Lord bless and prosper you. With kind regards to you

Yours very sincerely,

Maria Hicks.

Maria Hicks James
July 26/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H-2210
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin July 26. 1854

Dear Bro. Whipple -

I have, with much trouble, succeeded in getting the buggy passed the custom-house to-day - The trouble arose from my not having the bill of the medicines - consequently I was obliged to have the medicines valued, after opening boxes barrels &c. &c. & then "guessed" to be worth $150. on which I paid the duty, packed up & moved off - Now my dear Bro. Will you be so good as to forward me a bill of the medicines by first steamer - you will greatly oblige me by so doing -

- Our Mr. Beardslee is away Fowlers & Wells N.Y. a small amount for which I have drawn on you to be deducted out of my quarter Sept. 1st - Which amount I shall look to him for - We are all in tolerable health.

- A few cases of Cholera - One death this morning near Oberlin - As I expect to write soon - you will excuse my saying anything in reference to the medicines - But do forward that bill - or get a copy of Schieffelin & Co if that is lost -

Yours truly P. M. Way

Rev. J. M. May

Illinois Coal Mis

July 24/56

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Station. This church at this station has also lost some of its members from the prevailing scourge. Mr Way ~~Rev. George Whipple~~ reports as follows
~~Cor. Sec. A.M.A.~~

~~Report of Oberlin Station Jan. Mis.~~

Number of Members reported last year — 40.
" Restored 1 Rec'd by letter 1.
Rec'd on Profession 10 ~~12~~ — 12
Excluded 3 Deceased 5 — ~~8~~ — 8
Present number of communicants — 44

Amount contributed: &
For School purposes — £ 8.10.0
" Support of the Gospel — 6.11.6
" " " Poor — 1.12.0
" Repairs of Schoolhouse 2.17.0
£ 19.10.6 = $95

Our Sabbath School and Bible class numbers about 100 — Our week day school has been discontinued for the want of a teacher for the last four months. We are still destitute.
We have passed through sore trials during the year but through mercy have been sustained and the church has been preserved
Our hope is still in God —

~~August 1st 1854.~~ ~~Yours truly P. M. Way.~~

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. F1-22 FISK UNIV.

P. M. Way Jamaica

Report of Observing Station

Aug 1854

Mrs S. B. Moffat
Brainerd - Jan
Aug 2/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2272
FISK. UNIV.

Brainard Station
Jamaica Aug. 2. 1857

Dear Bro. Whipple

Your short epistle by Dr. B. came to hand in due time. I am sorry you did not get time to write me that long letter you intended. I have not received any thing except a few hasty lines, mostly on business, from Bro. W. since I have been in Jamaica. I know you must have a great many correspondents besides those on business, & this inclines me to be patient & lenient, rather than to charge you with intentional neglect. — But really I should like a good long social letter from you.

I have concluded to give Bro. R. an order for the thirty dollars & I give it on Bro. Tappan as I am informed that the money in all probability is in his hands as Treasurer. If I am not correct will you see that

it is made right. Perhaps you will recollect that there was a mistake about it at first. It was credited in the Missionary as coming from me to the A. M. A. When Bro. Wolcott was at the rooms, in searching for the letter of information about my trunk it was found that thirty dollars was sent me by my Father. Could I have had it some time ago, I could have used it advantageously; & had we been in very straitened circumstances we might have suffered from the want of it. As it has been, by economy we have got along without any serious inconvenience.

I am unable to write more.

Yours in christian love.

Sarah B. Moffat.

P.S. I wish to say that it is possible Miss. Mary Moffat, husbands sister, may call at the rooms on her way here. We some expect her to com & spend awhile with us in our family, & have written to her that, if she come, to call at the rooms & bring any letters which may be there for us.

Husband joins in kind regards.

S. M.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2273
FISK UNIV.

Tam Aug 4th 1854

Revd George Whipple

My dear Brother

In making my annual report I have nothing of peculiar interest to communicate. Yet the kind hand of our Father has been over us for good. In the midst of sickness & death we have been preserved; not indeed from sickness, but the hand of affliction has been so gently laid upon us that our lives have been thus far preserved. We feel that we can say, that the abounding mercies of God have been manifested toward us.

During most of the past year we have been deprived of our central place of preaching at Golden Vale, as it did not belong to us & it being required by the proprietor. So peculiar is the situation of this place that we have been compelled to establish three preaching places to reach the congregation that formerly met at Golden Vale. While there were some advantages attending this course, there were many inconveniences and disadvantages. The addition that it made to my own labors was very great. It gave me from 12 to 16 miles ride & the largest river of the Island to ford each sabbath or I could reach two of & return to my home again out of the three congregations to which I preached. And during a considerable portion of the year we have to encounter heavy rains and swollen rivers.

Rev. A. D. Oles
Jamaica.
Aug 4/1854

And then again for several months we had no suitable places for worship. In two of their neighborhoods the people have erected small chapels; one capable of seating about 75 & the other about 150 persons

When I gave my last report there was no church organization at Golden Vale; but one was organized soon after. And now embraces fourteen members.

[redacted]

My the pastors of his health, which has been a blessing to ~~[illegible]~~ the behalf for a season. He the consent of the Ex. Com. he opened the Church last week in Cass.

Hoping soon to see you when I shall be able to answer any enquiries you may propose. I will close this by subscribing myself

Your brother in Christ
A. C. Olds

The com. hoped to be lecturing in the Spring.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

New Orleans Aug 29th 1864

We arrived here to day on our way to our to our friends. We found no way of getting to Ms. & hence came this way. We are all comfortable — not well. Br Richardson says he cannot write to day but will do it soon.

We are off immediately in the Steamer for the north. Nothing more

Yours &c
J. A. Gibbs

A. D. Gibbs
Nancy.
Aug 4/1864

Aug 4.

Answered

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2274
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Miss. Station

Revd George Whipple

Aug. 4th 1854.

My dear brother

In the good providence of God we have been brought to the close of another fiscal year, and I seat my self at my desk to make my annual report. God has been truly merciful to us as a family the past year, and we desire to record to the honor of his name our humble, greatful remembrances of his innumbered blessings.

During the past year the Cholera has again visited our Island and although its ravages have not been as frightful or as fatal, yet many thousand have been cut off. It has prevailed, to a greater or less extent at all the Stations in the Mission and some have died, more, than when the Cholera was here in 1850. and 51. It has now quite subsided in our parish (Metcalfe) though in some other parts it still prevails.

Myself, wife and Mrs. Woodcock have had an attack, and I may here mention that Bro. Wolcott, Hall, Way, Richardson Moffott and Benning, have had an attack of it, more or less severe also. Sisters, Dean, Richardson and Moffatt – Yet we all have been mercifully preserved.

8 Members of my church have died the last year 5 of the cholera. Besides these several have died who were members of the Congregation only –

There has been a good degree of religious interest in our church and some among the congregation. Five or six who were excommunicated have applied to be restored to Ch. fellowship with some degree of evidence of genuine repentance.

The School is in a very flourishing condition both as to numbers and interest. A number on roll over 60. I believe and embraces a goodly number of children from the neighborhoods about us.-

Our people have done more this year for the support of the interests of religion and education than last year as you will see by the following report -

For support of Minister	£ 23. 1. 4
" " " School	15. 0. 0
" Chh expenses and support of poor.	15 10 4
1865	£ 53. 11. 6

Our present teacher (Miss. Hardcock) is a valuable help to us. She presents a great contrast to Miss Howe as a Missionary laborer She is not so prepossessing as some - but is a good substantial laborer, or has proved herself as such thus far, and we have no reason to conclude on any thing else for the future.

Rock River

This school at this place has been kept for 9 Months by Miss Margaret Stuart. She now leaves it for the purpose of spending a few years in the U.S. in better fitting herself for the work of teaching. The School is located in a neighborhood where but few of the very people live and where we get but little present cooperation from the people. The district is very populous one and a very destitute one. Only 16/3. has been as yet been paid for support of school this year. For next year I have pledged over $20.00. If I can get a good teacher to supply Miss Stuart's place I shall be very glad. But where, oh where, shall we find such. We want a good common sense Married teacher, One who can adapt himself to the Circumstances. Can you not get and send

us just such help immediately. Dont wait for the brethren to come back. We cannot get good help here just now. We have some young people whom we hope will be much useful by & by - Oh, who will come! Will not some one respond to this call - I do hope so. Our calls for help, I regard as important as any that can be made from any part of the World, Africa not excepted. I fear Jamaica in its importance as a Missionary field is being overlooked by some. We want teachers, very much, and must have them. We are all working ourselves up pretty fast, for the want of a greater division of labor.

May God stir up some one or many to say with a warm earnest heart, "Here Lord am I, send me. And I do fervently hope the Society will not be backward in sending them.

The purchase of Richmond Estate opens a very wide field of usefulness before us. - enabling us to enter upon and we hope to carry out our long cherished plans of education. From the account bro. Wolcott gave of the Society's interest in such operations, we had no doubt of ready money from you or the Society to aid us in our work. But if you cannot assist us, then we shall go forward of our selves - The amount of $2500, we must have from some quarter. If there was no other way I would say to bro Wolcott, go to the U.S. get that amount and I will work day & night to do both his and my own work - But this will not be necessary, though the money we must have.

I remain
My dear brother
Yours truly
L. Thompson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. S. Hopkins
East Natick
Mass
Aug 4 1864
Report

F.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2273
FISK UNIV.

Providence & Brandon Hill,

The report of these stations is together, and is subjoined. The school at Providence has been under the care of Miss Hicks. In accordance with an arrangement made with her when she went to Jamaica, she will return this fall to the United States, to spend a year here.

The Church at this Station now numbers 40 members. Two have been added during the year. One has been dismissed by letter, ~~three~~ four have been cut off, and three have died. Besides these, seven members of the congregation have died. The Church at Brandon Hill numbers twenty two members. One member of the church has died during the year, and one child that belonged to the congregation.

The average attendance of the congregations at both Stations ~~are~~ is about the same that it was a year ago.

The church and congregation at this Station have contributed For Ministers support $22.62. for Teachers support $20.64. for church purposes, $18.60. and have given 55 days labor on the Station, which at 25 cents per day would be 13.75. = $75.61

The Church & congregation at Brandon Hill, have contributed for the Ministers support $26.19.

We have had forty weeks school during the year. Miss Hicks taught thirty three weeks, and Mrs Hall seven. ~~weeks~~. ~~Miss Hicks has left the Mission and~~ We are now without a teacher. The school has numbered 70 scholars in all. Some of the time there has been over 50 in daily attendance. The average daily attendance has been 33. A school is much needed at Brandon Hill. A few of the children from there have attended this school.— the distance being five miles.

over

I still preach at Brandon Hill every Sabbath morning, unless providentially prevented. (no break) We sometimes feel like disponding amid the many discouragements with which we have to contend, and in view of the slow progress which we make. But we cannot look back over the past without feeling that our labors have not been wholly in vain. There is a gradual development of the truth in the minds of the people of our congregations and we see some of its appropriate fruits.

There seems to be two classes among the members of our churches. One class who are religious because they must be or fail of heaven. Another class who have embraced the truth, and who yield their hearts and lives in obedience to it. As far as they are able to understand it. Of the former class, are some who have for years stood at the gate door of the church, knocking for admittance. But as we toil in this moral desert, it is refreshing to find a few who seem to have drunk of that living water, which is in them "a well of water springing up into everlasting life".

~~We are all in usual health. Mrs Hall joins in best regards~~
~~Yours Affectionately~~
~~H. B. Hall~~

H. B. Hall - Jamaica
Report from Providence
Aug 4, 1854 -

Providence Station Aug 4th 1854

Revd George Whipple

Dear Brother.

At a meeting of the Mission at Eliot Aug 2d. at which all the male members of the Mission except Bro. Moffat were present the following resolutions were adopted.

1st Whereas Rev L. P. Wolcott has informed this Mission that he has contracted for the purchase of Richmond Estate and proposes removing thither with his family, for the purpose of establishing an Industrial School, to advance the cause of education generally, and to aid in the work of furnishing teachers for our schools. Resolved, That we as a Mission cordially approve of, and recommend such a course of action

2d Whereas the removal of Bro Wolcott from Hermitage is designed. Resolved. That we recommend the removal of Miss Dean from Chesterfield, and that she be located as teacher at Providence

3d Resolved: That we recommend that Bro Benning remove to Chesterfield, and take charge of the school and church at that Station — and that the school at Devon Pen be suspended. [The idea is that the Station be given up]

4th Resolved. That we recommend the appropriation of $310.00 for building purposes the ensuing year.

Bro Way did not vote for the first resolution. He said he would vote for it with the last clause of the preamble commencing with. To advance the cause of education &c

stricken out. He expressed himself as concurring fully in the arrangements contemplated by the resolution.

The $310. which is recommended to be appropriated for building purposes does not include $200. which we asked for, more than was appropriated last year. and which has already been mostly expended.

There are two reasons for Miss Deans leaving Chesterfield in case Bro Wolcott goes to Richmond. First. she cannot take charge of the Church. and Second. it is not desirable to have a single female so isolated as she must be to remain there.

The reasons for Bro Benning's removal, are that he is wanted at Chesterfield. and that Devon Pen is decided to be a sinking ship. and by his leaving we hope to induce many of the people to leave. and go. and buy land at Richmond. But very few of them now own land.

There is only a part of an acre of land belonging to the Station at Devon Pen. (~~not enough~~ so little that no family ought ever to be located there). And if the Station is kept up there must soon be an extensive outlay upon the house by way of repairs. or what would be better. a new house built.

These concise statements we hope will be sufficient as two "Living epistles" are expected to accompany this

In behalf of the Mission

L. Thompson Chairman
H. B. Hall Sec. Pro Tem

Ex. Com
See Schedule of Appt of Meeting in Oct
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Com. Mission Aug 4/50

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2276
FISK UNIV.

Augt 18 1844

Dear Mr Whipple

I am not
ready yet & have
only time to say
please send also the
twenty dollars for
the education of
a girl at Chesterfield
Jane Marshall is the
name of the girl selected
aged 16 when I took
her in my family
She bids fair to be
a very useful person

Yours in haste

Mary Dean

A. R. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2287
U.S.A. UNIV.

I have just received
sisters letter
Think you

Kingston Aug 8th 1854

To L. Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir,

This is to notify you that I have this day drawn on you, at sixty days from sight, favor of Dr. Barrett, for eight hundred dollars, to meet salaries of Mission for next quarter. My reasons for drawing at this time, you will see to be perfectly justifiable from communications dispatched soon. Please honor the above with your accustomed favor & Oblige, Yours truly

Seth S. Wolcott

Treas. of the Sem. Mission

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2278
FISK UNIV.

Rev. S. S. Wolcott F.L.S.
Jamaica. W.I.
Aug 8/54
advice of aft.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2229
FISK UNIV.

Kingston 10th Aug 1854

To Lewis Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir,

With this I send you a Statement of a/cs as complete as I am able to make, embracing the last quarter of the present year; specifying also the gross amount of Debits & Credits for next quarter. Having previously transmitted Statement for the first three quarters, & not able to make out the accounts complete, not having received the items to be added from your side I see no use in a repetition of the same thing - You will at once see that I cannot preserve a precise balance while the bills on yours side, to be put to your cr. by me, remain unknown. My rule is to calculate as nearly as I can & then draw on you for what I am positively obliged to, & no more. It would be very gratifying to me if I could receive Statements of a/cs from time to time from you - I have just drawn on you for my liabilities to Mission for next quarter. I have appeared, perhaps, to draw in advance of time, but think I am justified by making the draft payable at long sight, so that in reality it will not be paid sooner than if I had delayed to draw till 1st Sept. - Any further explanations can be given by Bros. Olds & Ro. - (The draft now made is $800.) I am to draw farther for the passage money of returning missionaries. Miss Dean also asks me to draw for money deposited with you for Charles Symes, & a girl of hers - some $45. Perhaps I

must make the draft $50. for convenience to purchaser –

I hope all these bills will not greatly trouble you — O if I could find that "Crock of Gold" – but I dont think I am greatly 'Greedy of filthy lucre' for self's sake. — I would certainly give off my salary if it were possibly consistent with my work. Perhaps Providence will help me to do so bye & bye. I do feel sensitively tender of your purse, & would keep its "lining" good if in my power.

You have become acquainted doubtless with my appeal for help, by loan or otherwise, to purchase "Kirkmond Estate", and our object. – The brethren will talk with you more particularly about it —

This offers a rare chance for us to carry out with very great economy some of our long cherished plans – plans which if not executed will leave Jamaica on the road to a deeper & darker barbarism than now afflicts us. We talk of the gospel as the great power which is to redeem & sanctify all things – all very well – but dont let us mistake. The gospel must be something more than a recited catechism to save Jamaica. Our catechism may be very good, but if it leaves us in moral darkness, in ignorance & physical degradation of what value is it to us? — Here is a great mistake, as it appears to me. The gospel in Jam. is degenerated into a mere catechism. Practically it fails to ennoble & sanctify human nature. We may preach forever, aye, pray too, to & for a people whose tendencies are, from the force of outward

circumstances, toward barbarism, without seeing any very greatly desirable results, Bid the blind to see - the lame to walk, what avails it till eyes are given - till feet to walk with?

Our gospel must "make the hoe go" or it will not get us our dinner. It must produce the fruits, as well as teach the doctrines of righteousness. It strikes me that there is a sad disproportion between the preaching & praying part of religion & the resolute working, or those little things, even, comprised in the "be ye doers of that which is good" — There may be error doubtless on either side —

But let me call your attention again to the said Estate. There are 1090 acres fine land with extensive buildings for £500, the price we have promised to pay if possible - This property once in our hands, securely, would give us, absolutely without price the 90 odd acres and all the buildings for our school purposes (which the brethren will fully explain to you) and the opportunity of selling, if we wished, to the people the remaining 1000, at £4 per acre & then reduce to them the present rates one half. Shall we lose an advantage like this? The people ought to be made freeholders, & prompted to industry &c. (as well as to devotional virtue) by earnest christian effort There is already open a great field for some good man or men to occupy. The Estates are fast becoming entirely valueless for cultivation as Estates & must lie waste or be sold cheap. We must buy them, - sell them in small farms & make the people free holders - if not let our mission be dissolved. What can we do with a people who have no homes? —

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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We ought as soon as possible to have a permanent fund established of ten thousand dollars to be used, not spent in this enterprise — An investment, the profits of which should be devoted to education. Thus while an opportunity might be afforded the people easily to become freeholders. they would also, profitably to themselves, by a sort of tariff, be doing much to cover the cost of their education. — What can be said in praise of a western church building fund equal to this? — There is a fund to be spent — here one to be used, repeating its good work ad indefinitum. Shall we fail of this fund, or at least, a part of it. We can do well with no more than a loan, but far better with a fund, the latter in a missionary point of view would be most economical. — Allow me kindly to say that I have felt not a little grieved at the apparent supineness of the Ex. Com. in this matter. It cannot be that the thing has been appreciated. I feel like resting the question of my remaining in Jam. on the carrying of some such enterprise as this contemplated. If Jamaica is to rise something must be done & that soon. I dont despair yet; for I believe that, as small as I am, if I could command a comparatively small amt of means, I could by the grace of God & the cooperation of my brethren effect a great, good & lasting work — But we must, or somebody must, do something besides preach & pray — (I dont lightly esteem these) — but I must refer you to the brethren & stop. And believe me

Truly & affectionately Yours
in labors for the Poor
Seth S. Wolcott

Seth S. Wolcott
Jamaica
Aug. 10/1871
Rec'd
J. Morehead
Sept. 5/1871

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2288
FISK UNIV.

Kingston 11th Aug. 1859

Rev. J. Whipple.

My Dear Brother,

It once more becomes my privilege, as well as duty, to speak of the dealings of our heavenly Father with us as a mission family, and the people for whom we labor, during the past year.

At the commencement of the year I was with you. Nearly three quarters of the year have been spent on the field since our return. For the most part we have enjoyed pretty good health — a few unpleasant cholera symptoms in the time of its prevalence — But uncommonly severe afflictions have fallen to the lot of our people for a season. Very few have been free from its influence. Eleven members of the churches, Hermitage & Devon Pen, have died of this disease. Many others also, members of our community. This of course has been an occasion for an unusual drain on their purse as well as rendering them unable to labor; which affords some little apology for the small amount of their contributions.

But we have also mercies to record. The religious interest has been as great as in any former years. Eight persons have joined the Hermitage Church, and twenty at Devon Pen. A greatly increased interest & prosperity are manifest in our schools, as you will see from the reports of teachers — If I should extend my observations ~~than~~ should present little else than a mixture of hopes & fears which could not be of much interest to detail.

I may sum up thus

Received to the church (a good proportion young)		28
Received for support of minister	$30,00	
" Chesterfield school	42.94	
" Devon Pen "	27,94	
" Hermitage for Station purposes	25,00	124,48

Some more has been rec. from Devon Pen the amt of which Bro. V. has not given me.

But as the steamer is announced & I am full of business, let me refer you to other communications — See letter to Bro. Sapper reports of teachers &c — Bros. O & R can give you any explanations.

In labors for the poor. Yours sincerely

Seth S. Wolcott —

Rev. S. S. Wolcott.
Aug 18/59.
Report of Hermitage

— Dr Barrett Rooms —

Kingston

Aug 11th 1854.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2281
FISK UNIV.

Reed G. Whipple

My dear Bro.

I sit down to say the Brethren cannot go by this steamer. They are too full and now we must wait for another steamer this day two weeks or more — No. Sailing vessels off for New York that can accommodate them —

We get no mail and must in patience wait —

Bro. Olds wife one child — Bro Richardson wife 3 children — Mr Evart 3 youngest children Miss N. Stuart — Miss Rofs. and Miss. Morris constitute the company. — All are now in Town. and must remain till the next opportunity.

Write as Dr B. is just sending off mail and Mr Holcott Olds and Richardson are at our rooms and cannot write in season for the steamer. as I suppose

We are all well but greatly disappointed —

In haste

Yours respectfully

L Thompson

Revd George Whipple
48 Bleekman St
New York.

Z. Chandler Jameson
Aug 11 1864

A. M. A. Archives
NO. FI-2282
FISK UNIV.

Kingston 23 Aug. 1854

~~Spears~~ Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir.

I write to say, first, that as our brethren Richardson & Olds unexpectedly sailed for New Orleans instead of New York, I fear important communications may not reach you seasonably; certainly not so soon as desirable. And Secondly, I fear that my last draft, for their passage money, may take you by surprise. The case is this— you will perhaps laugh at me, or scold me; but I did just as I suppose you would do in like case with bro. Whipple, well aware that I was not acting according to the proper sharpness of ordinary business principles.— I prepared & signed a bill of exchange, and authorised bro. Richardson in case of an emergency, to fill out the amt necessary when he should have ascertained what it would be: Bro. R. drew for $50 00. and notified me that he found this amt would be absolutely necessary for the expenses of the company to Ohio. The amt is full $20 00. more than I had expected. These business matters occasion me much painful solicitude— perhaps I am too sensitive— but under the circumstances I cannot help it— Mrs Hicks will call on

me soon to pay her passage. I hope to be able to do it without a special draft.

Miss H. now intends to take passage for N. York in company with Dr. Barrett, in about four weeks.

In my letter to you by the brethren I spoke a little in detail concerning Richmond Estate. I must trouble you with saying here that I am somewhat in trouble still in this matter. I stand pledged, first as agent for Mrs. Carpenter - now as principal, to purchase & pay for the Estate and the time is fully expired. I have quite too much reason to fear the worst, still I rather anticipate a satisfactory adjustment soon.

I hinted at our advantage in securing this property a pecuniary profit of $5000, the moral power to be gained I would not attempt to calculate. We must not fail in this purchase - Shall I hesitate to confide in the "Ex. Com." ultimately to relieve me of my embarrassments in some way which their wisdom may devise? - I cannot after they shall have become fully aware of some of the more important facts in the case. I have penned the above hastily and have time for no more now.

Believe me truly Yours in labors for the poor

Seth S. Wolcott

S. S. Wolcott
Jamaica
Aug. 23/55
Rec'd Sept 25
Ans Feb 7
In Feb
Dec 5

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2283
FISK UNIV.

Rev Geo Whipple Chicago Sept 11th 1854

My Dear Brother - It is with mingled emotions of pain & pleasure, that I sit down to inform you of our safe arrival upon our native shores, after an absence of nearly 3½ years - We sailed from Kingston - in company with Bro Olds & family - Aug 17th & anchored in Mobile Bay on the evening of the 25th. From thence we came, via New Orleans, & St Louis, to this city, where we arrived on the 8th inst, grateful to our God for his preserving mercy, in the midst of a thousand perils & dangers -

But why are we here? Why have we left our chosen field of labor - a people in whom we had become deeply interested, & to whom we were most warmly attached? And why have we left our fellow-labors - breth & sisters beloved, & bound to our hearts by the strongest & tenderest ties - to toil on, with additional burdens, which we may not share?

I can only reply, ~~Yes & Amen~~ So! God willed it! We had not devised or intended so speedy a return - But the failing health of both myself & wife seemed imperatively to demand it, & the mission unanimously advised it. We have not left because tired of our work, or discouraged with our field. On the contrary, we never have felt our hearts so deeply interested & so greatly encouraged in our work, as within the past few months. God has seemed, of late, to be opening a wide door of usefulness to us, by opening the hearts of the people, & graciously inclining them to heed & obey his messages of truth. Soon after the annual meeting of the

mission, last Mar. a special, weekly prayer-meeting, was commenced by the mission families at this station. We felt our hearts burdened in view of the sad condition of Zion & our spiritual leanness. We resolved to go to God in our extremity & make a special supplication for the outpouring of this Spirit upon ourselves & the community around us. Nor did our Father deny our requests, or leave us to seek in vain. We found him ready to bless, yea, even coming to meet us, "while yet a great way off!" And it was truly a blessed meeting, as,

"Mid tears of penitence we knelt,
And found this word was true."

Our ch. & neighborhood prayer-meetings soon began to show tokens of increasing interest. More attended, & a better spirit prevailed. Confessions for sin, were mingled with cries for mercy. About this time the Cholera made its appearance in our midst, & commenced its fatal ravages. Two or three impenitent persons were suddenly cut down, & their awful end was such as to alarm even the most careless. God's providences & Spirit seemed combined for the accomplishment of a great & good work. Judgment was tempered with mercy - wrath, with love. From this time the interest became quite general. Almost the entire community seemed to be moved, & work went steadily forward. Weekly prayer meetings were held simultaneously in 5 or 6 different neighborhoods, the attendence averaging from 30 to 40, & twice that number being sometimes present. The weekly meeting for inquirers was attended by upwards of 100, for nearly 3 months previous to our leaving - about one half were youth, & the rest heads of families. Some were doubters led by mere sympathy, & others were alarmed & excited by fear of death - altho' we carefully refrained from exciting their fears, & often warned them of the danger of

mistaking these emotions for genuine conviction of sin. But after making due allowance on this score, we were cheered with the most satisfactory evidence of deep conviction & heart felt penitence, on the part of a goodly number. Some of the most hardened & reckless, were among the first & most hopeful subjects of this work. I think I never witnessed more marked & satisfactory evidence of a genuine work of grace, than in the cases of some of this class. The reign of lust & passion, was succeeded by the mild, calm sway of reason & Religion. Lips that had been filled with scoffing & blasphemy, now breathed forth in broken accents the Publican's prayer "God be merciful to me a sinner!" One man, who had been a bold blasphemer & was greatly hardened - when brought under conviction, was so overwhelmed, with a sense of the exceeding greatness & enormity of his sins, as almost to despair of mercy. He would rise in prayer meetings & attempt to speak of the wickedness of his past life, but tears & sobs would choke his utterance & he would be unable to proceed. After he began faintly to hope, he knelt down in meeting one day & after confessing to God, in language expressive of the deepest abhorrence, the wickedness of his past life - exclaimed in faltering accents, while the tears coursed down his cheeks "O, Lord, I ought to have been in hell, long ago! I didn't think thou couldst forgive such a sinner as me!" & many other expressions of similar purport. I much regret that the state of my health did not allow me to write you, from time to time, during the progress of the work, as I might have been able, in this way, to lay before you many interesting facts. But shortly before the Revival commenced, I had an attack of Dysentery, & had not regained my strength, when the Cholera broke out. Being obliged to act the part of Physician for both body & soul, & being often aroused at night by applications for medicine, it proved quite too much for my exhausted physical frame. Both Mrs R. & myself suffered from repeated attacks of this disease, which so weakened & impaired our vital energies

as wholly to unfit us for the discharge of our ordinary duties. For two months previous to leaving, I was able to preach only two or three times, & the effort was each time followed by excessive prostration of body & mind. Under these circumstances, much extra labor necessarily devolved on the teachers (Bros Moffat & Hill) who entered heartily into the work, often toiling beyond their strength & yet esteeming it a blessed privilege, to lead anxious souls to Christ. Bro Olds was able to be with us much of the time for several weeks, & not only preached on the Sab, but at other times, besides aiding in the meetings for conference & inquiry. Other bretn of the Mission kindly assisted in supplying the pulpit, & relieving my labors, for which I feel grateful, both to them & to God. Of the results of this work, I cannot speak definitely, having been compelled to leave, while it was yet in progress, & before sufficient time had elapsed to test the genuineness & stability of the hopes of many. A special communion service was held, the Sab previous to our departure, when eleven were admitted to the ch. on profession of their faith. A large number of others are under examination, many of whom give good evidence of being truly converted to God. To leave a people under such circumstances, has been a great & sore trial. We parted with mutual regret & many tears. And yet they all seemed to feel that duty required us to leave them for a season, & they made the sacrifice the more cheerfully, hoping that a few months of sojourning in our native land, would so invigorate us, that we should be permitted to return & labor among them for years to come. Such is our wish & expectation, if the will of the Lord be so. Altho' still suffering much from nervous prostration & the fatigue of our journey yet I think we have both experienced benefit from our sea voyage & change of climate. Requesting your prayers & those of the churches that we may soon be restored to health & to our field of labor, I remain

Your Bro in Christ

A. M. Richardson

A.M.E. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Report of Brainerd Station for 1854

The following statistics will present a general idea of the condition of this station. ~~I will not attempt to introduce the subject matter of our yearly report.~~

Members recd during the year on Profession	21.
" do " " " by Letter	2.
" Deceased	8.
" Excommunicated	7.
Adults Baptised	14.
Children do	19.
Present Nbr of Members	133.
" " " Inquirers	80.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-2284 FISK UNIV.

The average attendance upon the means of grace has been somewhat larger, for the past few months, than was reported last year. The Lab. School & Bible Classes have been well sustained, both in point of numbers & interest. The amt. raised by voluntary contributions has been as follows—

Solid

For Ministers Support	$87, 53.
" Schools	104. 58
" General Purposes	60 - 55

Solid

By a comparison of the contributions of the past year with those of the previous one, it will be seen that there is a considerable falling off in the amt. This should not however be regarded as certain evidence of a diminution of interest in the objects specified. For while there may have been growing lukewarmness on the part of a few, yet I am confident the case is far otherwise with the majority. I believe the mass of our people are more than ever convinced

of the value & importance of Gospel & Educational privileges. And the number of those, who contribute for these objects, is greater now than at any previous time since my connection with them. Several reasons may be assigned for the deficiency in the receipts of the past year. Money has been scarce & provisions very high. The dire effects of war upon commerce in breaking the staff of bread, & taxing the necessaries of life, have been sensibly felt. The price of Cod Fish, Rice & Flour has advanced nearly 40 per cent within a year. This has increased the price of Yams, Plantains &c, without increasing the quantity. The prevalence of Cholera, during the latter portion of the year, not only crippled the energies, but drained the resources of many families, reducing the survivors to actual want. In some instances both parents were cut down within a few days, & the children left dependent on the charity of relatives or friends. Upwards of 20 have died of this disease, within the bounds of our Congregation. Four were members of the church, & heads of families. At some of the other Stations it has prevailed more extensively & fatally. It is worthy of special record, as a matter for devout gratitude & thankfulness to God, that while nearly all the Mission families have suffered from its attacks, none have fallen victims to its terrible power. While we have been scourged, we have been blessed & I trust can truly say, It has been good for us, that we have been afflicted. Before the Cholera made its appearance there were evident tokens of the workings of God's Spirit upon the hearts of some. An increased spirit of prayer was manifest, & here and there might be seen an anxious soul, inquiring after life & salvation. The Tuesday eve. prayer meetings, held in different neighborhoods, began to be more numerously attended, & some became

crowded & deeply interesting. The house of God, was filled on the Sab. with a solemn auditory, whose tearful eyes & anxious countenances bespoke the presence of the Holy One. Almost the entire congregation remained thro' the P.M. service, instead of leaving at the conclusion of the morning exercises, as many, who lived far from Chapel, had been wont to do. The weekly meeting for inquirers was attended by ~~another~~ ~~many~~ all ages, from the child of 8 or so, to the gray haired man of 70. At the time of our leaving, there was still an interesting state of religious feeling, & numbers were ~~very~~ ~~anxious~~. We hope & pray that the good work may continue. We feel that God has been better than our fears, & that He has most signally rebuked our past unbelief. That He may be glorified, as the result, has been, & still is, our ~~constant~~ & most earnest prayer.

The Mt Patience School, has been in successful operation during most of the year. The attendance has been so large, (notwithstanding the opening of another school at Belgar) and Bro Moffatt labors sick, - for lack of competent assistance - as greatly to impair his health, & occasionally intercept the school. We hope the Society will soon be able to meet this, & other similar demands, by furnishing additional laborers, that those already in the field, need not be crushed & worn out before their time. In Feb last, a new school was opened, in the house built last year, at Belgar. It has been named the "Good Hope School", & is under the charge of Bro A. B. Hills. It commenced with about 40 pupils, & the number steadily increased until it amounted to 80. There being no dwelling-house for the teacher, Bro & Sister H. have been obliged to live at Brainerd, which is nearly 4 miles from his school.

As this is likely to be a permanent & important out-station of Brainerd, it has been thot advisable, by the Mission, to erect a dwelling house on the premises for the accommodation of the teacher. A colored young man has therefore been employed as an assistant in the school, while Bro Hills devotes most of his time to the work of building him a house.

~~I regret to add, that the lightning struck the chapel at Brainerd a few days after our departure, doing considerable damage. I have not yet learned the particulars.~~

~~A. M. Richardson~~

Leaves

A more detailed report of the schools will be given in another place.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. M. Richardson
Report
Oct 12/59

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My Dear Bro. Since writing you yesterday, I have learned thro' the Independent that the Ass'n meet at Meriden Conn. Mrs R. is too much fatigued to undertake the journey East so soon. She will therefore remain here, while I spend two or three weeks in attending the meeting, visiting &c. I expect to leave here on Wednesday (the 14th) & shall probably spend the following in Western New York & go from thence to Meriden. Should you wish to see me, in the city before the meeting, please send a telegraphic despatch to Box 660. before I leave. I forgot to say yesterday, that 3 gentlemen(?) from St Louis are now in jail here, for an assault upon a runaway slave, last Sunday. Sambo has gone over the line! Their trial concludes tomorrow. It will go hard with them one of them shot the negro in the arm. In haste

Yours affly A. M. Richardson

NO. FI-2285
FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. M. Richardson
Chicago. Ill
Sept 12/84
accompanying Rept

American Mis. Assoⁿ in a/c with Jamaica Mission

		Dr	
1854			
Aug 7	To balance as per my a/c rendered on last quarter	$305	09
"	" A.B. Hills, traveling expenses to & in New York, with board & when in N.Y. as per Hills' a/c	54	16
"	" Apprⁿ to A.B. Hills for Outfit (Say?)		
"	" Do Miss L. Woodcock (Say?)		
"	" Salaries. P.M. Way, one quarter to Aug 31st	125	00
"	" " A.M. Richardson " "	125	00
"	" " L. Thompson $112,50. A.D. Olds $112,50	225	00
"	" " H.B. Hall $112,50. C.B. Venning $100.	212	50
"	" " S.T. Wolcott $100, Mary Dean $50.	150	00
"	" " Miss Woodcock $45. Margaret Stuart $26.40	71	40
"	" " A. Moffat $84,37 A.B. Hills $84.37	168	74
"	" — Cash paid to Mrs. Carpenter	50	00
"	" Rent in Kingston from 1st Jan to 31st Aug. 8 months	66	66
"	" Rate of Exchange on drafts for $1150,00 (at 2 per cent)	23	00
		1576	55

Contra

		Cr	
Aug 26	By Draft in favor of Geo. Holt	500	00
June 19	" Do. " " P.M. Way	650	00
		1150	00
	Balance	426	55

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FI-2285 FISK UNIV.

Addenda

		Dr	
Aug 11	To Eliot School for teaching by Mrs. Thompson	30	18
	To Brainerd for assistant teaching	25	74
	" Oberlin School, paid Cbe Syms by A.M. Richardson	24	00
		79	92
	Bal. brot down	426	55
		506	47

Compliments to L.S. Ward Esq

1854	Account prospective for next quarter	Dr	
Sept. to Dec.	To Salaries for qr. to Nov. 30th – P. Br. Way	$125	00
	" " " Thompson & Hall	225	00
	" " " Wolcott & Venning	200	00
	" " " Miss Dean 50 Mrs Woodrock 45	95	00
	" " " Hills & Moffat ea. $84.37½	168	75
	" Already pd by Supt &c. A. M. Richardson	125	00
		938	75
	Balance brot foward from last qr.	506	47
		1445	22
	Rate of exchange on Draft (800. a 2 prct.)	16	00
	Contra	Cr	
	By Receipts – Hermitage for minister $30. – School 42.24	72	24
	" " Eliot " 100.67 " 72.00	172	67
	" " Brainard 87.17 " 103.42	190	59
	" " Oberlin " " " 24.00	24	00
	" " Providence " 20.64	20	64
	" " Devon Rec 27.24	27	24
		507	38
	" Draft on S. Jappan Esq. favor of A Barrett Esq. (of Aug 8)	800	00
	" " " " A. M Richardson (Aug 11)	100	23
	Brother Way at a late hour, Oberlin for minister	31	56
		1439	17

The Mission has overdrawn, for building purposes, the appr of the Ex. Com. the sum of $153.13 —

There are some items, quite not known to me on the Acct. Cr with mission which will vary my balances somewhat I have put things according to the best of my ability with the means at hand. Mrs Way's bill medicines was by his directions to be paid for out of the $650. drawn to his order on S. Jappan. The cash was pd by him here —

Receipts for minister from Providence Brandon Hill and Oberlin I did not get in season to report —

I hear a small bill will be presented (B. Br Way) for which I claim no responsibility. I am ready to account for it here when I know the Amt.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2286
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Miss. Jan. N. J. Oct. 4. 1857.

My Dear Bro Whipple.

Your note containing just six lines dated Aug 7. was rec'd Sept. 27. I am truly thankful for small favors - tho' they may come only twice in three years.

We now enjoy tolerable health - have about got through with our trials on Obeahism - I do not believe there are ten persons in any church in this island (of blacks) who are not as much afraid of the Obeah man, as the Supreme being - We did think of trying to get a native to teach School, but I do not think the people would have much confidence in one, since the fall of Charles Sims. Our Congregations & S. S. are good. The hope for this people is in the young.

It is not for me to speak of the policy of the Society at home or even here, but if I live to reach the States again, perhaps I may render more efficient service to missionary efforts than I could possibly, had I never enjoyed the experience of a few years among heathens. The English have done much for the slave, but the crushing influence of caste (aristocracy) is still grinding this people in the dust. I do believe if our slaves in the U. S. were set at liberty, they would present a different picture from what it is possible for the same class under this government. There is hope - & great good is being accomplished. I am dear Bro.

Yours truly P. M. Way

Rev. Geo. W. Schaffle
Lafayette
New York

ARCHIVES A.M.E. CHURCH

Rev. A. D. Oles
New York Oct 14/54
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2287
FISK UNIV.

New York Oct 14th 1857

To Ex Com of the A.M.A.

Dear Brethren

Permit me in as succinct a form as I can, to lay before you some statements relative to some objects which the Jamaica Mission have for a long time cherished with great interest.

It is known to most of you that for several years this mission has been endeavoring to mature plans for the establishment of an Industrial School, to which we may receive the most advanced and promising pupils of our other schools, and train them for teachers; And hence avoid the necessity of going abroad for so great a portion of teachers for the schools of Jamaica

You also understand that we have felt much interest in having our people purchase and settle their own lands instead of renting them at enormous rates as most of them are now doing. Hitherto there have been great obstacles in the way of their purchasing land. Either land-owners would not sell in small parcels at all; or the price they demanded was so enormous that the purchase of land, except in very limited quantities, was beyond the reach of the many.

But we are happy to say that Providence has now, as we think, opened the way for the accomplishment of both these ends, at a very trifling cost. When I left the Mission in Aug last the brethren then were about negotiating for an estate of 1090 acres of land, including all the buildings we should require for an Industrial School, residence for teachers &c. for $2,500.* This amount they were about ~~borrowing~~ hiring at 12 per ct. until it could be raised here & refunded.

It is our earnest desire to obtain the amt of $2,500 by

* It would cost much more than this sum to erect buildings as convenient for school purposes as there are on this Estate

by donation; so that we may sell off the land not needed for the School, and apply a portion of the proceeds to the support of said school; and the remaining portion reserve to purchase other estates to be resold again to the people at the lowest safe rates.

If this amount cannot be obtained by donation we desire to ~~loan~~ hire it on the most favorable terms we can obtain.

Being confident dear Brethren that you will sympathize with the Jamaica Mission in its desires & efforts to attain these ends I submit to you these statements, with the earnest prayer that you may give them such consideration, and lend us such counsels, influence, and other aid as the cause of Christ and humanity demand.

Yours dear Brethren
In Gospel bonds
Yours
A. D. Olds

Average rent of good lands is $4 per acre per annum.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2288
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage 1st Nov. 1854

Rev. G. Whipple.

My dear Brother,

Dr. Barrett left here a week ago for N.Y. via Navy Bay — I gave him to hand you some receipts from members of Mission for salaries. Bros. Olds' & Richardson's can be answered for I suppose in New York. Altho I have not much heart to write, I cannot forbear to send a word by the present opportunity. It is unaccountable & not a little painful to us that we get no mail — no papers — no letters — not one even of sympathy. With the exception of a brief note to bro Way relative to his medicines, nothing has reached us since per Dr. Barrett — July 5th. Two vessels have lately arrived direct from N.Y. — but nothing for us. I hear another, the John Clark arrived on Frid. last 11 days from N.Y. — have not heard whether she has a package for us.

I sent some specimens of plantain fibre, for cordage & paper by Dr. Barrett, which you will probably see. If it is an object worth the trouble for paper, it may be made of considerable advantage for us to prepare it. It can be obtained in any desirable quantity. If you have time & inclination of corresponding with Mr. Wilder, in

Boston & send him a specimen of the coarser quality, he may esteem it a favor, and give us his judgment concerning it. It may become an item of importance in our Industrial School operations. If we obtain Richmond we shall have superior facilities for preparing it.

By the way, We are still embarrassed & fear we shall be more so in this affair. We continue to hope, however, & that so evidently that I have rented one of the houses, with pasture till 1st Jan. Our privilege & promise of purchase continued to that time. You can learn particulars from Dr. Barrett. Failing in our purchase money beyond Jan 1st will be embarrassing & mortifying to us in the extreme, to say nothing of the pecuniary loss & loss of moral power which must result —

You can conceive something of our solicitude. More than a score of children & youth are already pressing upon us for a place at Richmond after Christmas. All our plans are formed in anticipation of favorable results. We must not fail —

Can we not draw for $500, at least, on loan for this specific object, rather than suffer a total failure? — It will be my duty to draw for salaries again 1st Dec. The amt will be some $800. more or less. I need not send now my qr's report as the amt will not vary much from the prospective a/c I sent you by the brethren R. & O.

I enclose letters to your care— One to Dr. Barrett to be given him in N.Y. Where necessary you can complete the address. I expect to send this by a gentleman from N.Y. who is here on mining business— & Mr. Thomas who will call on you probably.

The members of mission are all well with the exception of bro. & Sis. Moffat— They have but poor prospects of being able to remain & labor here long. The mission has been called to consult on their case. Bro. Hall will write you more particularly. — — —

Remember us to all the friends at the office. What has become of Mrs. Carpenter

Yours in labors for the poor

Seth T. Wolcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. S. T. Roberts
Nov 1. 1854
Rec'd Dec 1. 1854
Ans'd same day

ARCHIVES
A. W. A.
BUCK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2289
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica Nov 1st 1854

Revd George Whipple

Dear Brother.

A meeting of the Mission was called, by Bro Moffat, at Mount Patmos. Oct 30. 1854. at which all the male members of the Mission were present

The call of the meeting was occasioned by the ill health of Mrs Moffat

It was stated to the meeting that Mrs Moffat has been in a very feeble state of health for some months past. and that of late she had been fast declining. notwithstanding all she had been able to do to regain her health.

Bro & Sister Moffat said they saw no reasonable hope of her being materially benefitted by the use of any means they could avail themselves of in Jamaica.

Bro Moffat also said that he was becoming quite exhausted by his labors as a Teacher. And was confident he could not continue to perform them much longer without some change that should materially recruit his failing energies.

They were anxious Mrs Moffat should have a thorough course of Water Cure Treatment. and as such a course could not be had in Jamaica. they proposed a visit, at once, to the United States, with the intention of returning to their present field of labor, as soon as their health would allow

It was moved. that, we as a Mission, approve of Bro & Sis Moffat's making a visit as above stated.

As an amendment to the motion. it was moved. that we

recommend to them to break up house keeping — that Bro Moffat give up the School. and that they board in some family in the Mission. and try what they can do here towards regaining their health — Bro Moffat devoting as much of his time to the care of his wife as she may require. and taking as much vigorous bodily exercise. in manual labor, as his strength will allow — and if there is no change for the better at the end of six or eight weeks, that then, they make the visit as above stated.

The motion thus amended received the unanimous approval of the Mission.

It was proposed that they break up house keeping that Mrs Moffat might be entirely free from the cares of a family as she seems to be too nervous ever to regain her health with that burden upon her mind.

The Mission are not very sanguine that Mrs Moffat will regain her health in Jamaica. and if they go home we have but little hope they will ever return.

It was recommended that Bro Hills take charge of the school at Mt Patience until Christmas.

In behalf of the Mission

H. B. Hall. Cor Sec. Pro Tem.

Nov. 1. 1864

Rev. H. B. Hall

P.S. It has been nearly four months since the Mission have received any mail of any kind from the States. and yet vessels from New York are arriving constantly.

H. B. H.

BATH 1900
A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2290
FISK UNIV.

Kingston, Jamaica
6th Nov. 1854

My Dear Brother

I have just time to ask you whether you received my letter [illegible] a teacher for Kingston. I am [illegible] [illegible] A. M. A. to [illegible]

The field is a very inviting one, and recent developments of the good effected through our school make me desire with increased earnestness the reopening of our school, while the distance that a good young man might render otherwise in the missionary work in this city, cannot be over-estimated.

I am happy to say that there are [illegible] for good among our people. Several have recently given evidence of deep concern, [illegible] are now rejoicing in the Lord. I might [illegible] [illegible] at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully
J. O. Beardslee

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Secy. A.M.A.
New York

Nov. 4. 1854

W. A. McCONNELL
DUKE UNIV.

M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. F1-2291
FISK UNIV.

Chesterfield Ill.
Nov. 8th '64

Will Mr. Whipple please forward the accompanying letter to Miss Dean of the Jamaica Mission, with such directions as may be necessary to enable her reply to reach us.

Respectfully
M. M. Williams

Mr. Mrs. Williams
Chertsville Ill
Nov 8/54

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2292
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Nov 18th 1854

Dear Bro Whipple

I take pleasure in saying that I have been quite well acquainted with the bearer, Mr Hopkins, for the last four years, & can very cheerfully recommend him to your christian regards & confidence.

From all that I have observed of him — and he has been in my family a part of the time referred to — I have no reason to doubt that he is truly a humble & devoted Christian. His object & desire, to the utmost of his ability, to ~~[illegible]~~ aid in extending the Redeemer's kingdom on the Earth.

His mind, to my knowledge, has for some time past been turned to the Missionary work & I think

to the Jamaica field in particular. I cannot doubt if you deem it to be my duty to say to you that he will make a patient, laborious, faithful & successful laborer. Of his character as a student I trust Principal Fairchild, under whose care he has been for the last year, will find time to inform you.

Yours in Xn bonds

Geo. N. Allen

P.S. Bro. James Fairchild remarked to me not long since that when he was in New York last winter you said something to him about having specimens of shells, minerals &c particularly curiosities illustrating the domestic life of the heathen which

have been from time to time forwarded by missionaries to the Mission Rooms & which you could sometimes, as when duplicates are sent, furnish to our Cabinet. I wish to say, that if you have any such thing to spare we should be very grateful for them. Our Cabinet grows but slowly, as no direct appropriations have yet been made for the purpose. If articles of the kind referred to could be laid aside for a short time, on notification I would attend to their removal & shipment without troubling you. Please give our Christian regards to Mrs Whipple.

Truly yours GMC

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Prof. Geo. N. Allen
Oberlin, Ohio.
Nov 18. 1854
T. Hopkins

Rec'd in Nashville
Nov 20th

FISK UNIV. LIBRARY

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2298
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin Dec 2nd 1854

Mr Whipple,

Dear Sir,

The ladies who are interested in finding suitable persons for teachers, for the Jamaica mission have had their thoughts somewhat fixed on Miss Sarah A Upson.

As Miss Upson has been for the last few months a member of our family, it is thought best that I should write giving you my impressions regarding her fitness for such a station. She would dearly love the work & if she is judged a proper peson she will go cordially & cheerfully. Her age seems to herself an objection, whether it will be deemed such by the committee I do not know. She is forty two, but she has during different periods of he life been subject to such varied influences that I think she has less ~~of the~~ stiffness & old-maidishness than we are accustomed to expect in unmarried women of her age. Her health is not robust, but it is such that she is able to perform regular labor, & as much as is ordinarily expected of working women; in an emergency, where greater exertions must be made she would be likely to fail

She is not an educated woman, but understands the elementary branches & has spent considerable of her time in teaching district school

She is a woman of ardent piety, of good judgment & is highly esteemed by all who are acquainted with her. She feels a delicacy about proposing herself as a candidate, & yet if after learning the facts respecting her, the committee should desire to send her she would delight to go.

Please remember me with love to Mrs Whipple.

Respectfully yours

B. B. Hudson.

Mrs B. B. Hudson
Oberlin, Ohio.
Dec 2, 1854

Kingston 5th Dec. 1844

S. Tappan Esq

Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn on you for the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800,) to the order Rev. P. M. Way. I have good reason to suppose that the draft will be retained for the present month in the hands of Mr. Way. — You may look for it in January.

I send herewith my account for the quarter commencing with 1st Sept, and ending with 30th Nov. — I transmitted accounts to you by Bros. Richardson & Olds — Presume you have received them. A few items of a/c on your side of a years standing I am still unable to adjust in my accounts. Among them are the amount of outfit allowed Mr. & Mrs. Hills, and Miss Woodcock. — 4 Boxes Soda biscuit — some items, probably, of a later date; such as bills for periodicals &c. — I have repeatedly asked for these bills, but have not yet got them.

The above mentioned draft is to meet the bills for salaries &c of the present quarter —

Bro. & Sis. Moffat are with us at Sh. trying to recruit. They are improving — expect to go into School again soon. Other members of the mission usually well. Our oldest boy is suffering under a severe illness — the most so that we have ever had in our family — fever — We have felt some anxiety for his safety. We trust in good nursing & a considerate Sympathy as the most appropriate means for his recovery. — Nothing received from the Rooms in shape of mail since 1st July. A note from Bro. Olds per British Steamer promises an effort to send us something. We are still living by faith for the purchase money for Richmond. I believe we are on the right track in this enterprise, & that the money will come from some quarter — but whence I know not.

Richmond Dec. 9th

As I could find no immediate conveyance for this. I have brot it home. Our sick boy is some better — beginning to eat again & walk about a little —

Please remember us to all the friends in New York

Fraternally Yours

Seth S. Wolcott

Rec. S. T. Wolcott
Jamaica
Dec 5/54

1. Noth a/c
2. Letter of advice
&c
recd Jan. 12/55.

Jan 16 - asked Mr B.
to hand up the letters &
gave me the last quarter's
a/c.

Filg. wrote, in reply to his letters
of August 23d & Dec. 5th
1. Mem Mr & O. did not take
more money than was necessary
2. You alluded to the Richmond
estate, but in such a general
way we did not seem to re-
quire any action on my part.
You wrote as if I had been
previously more informed on the
subject than I had been.
3. We will be more careful in
reading letters & papers, depend upon
it.
4. Asked what he meant by
putting the $506.47 among
the expenditures & told him how
he should bring forward money
over or short for one quarter
to another.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2292
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A. M. Asso.n in a/c with Treas. of Fam. Boys.n

		$	Dr.
1854 Sept.	To P. W. Way, Salary one quarter to Nov. 30th	125	00
"	" L. Thompson, H. D. Hall, each $112,50	225	00
"	" C. B. Venning $100, S. T. Wolcott $100,	200	00
"	" Mary Dean $50, Lucy Woodcock $45,	95	00
"	" A. B. Hills, A. Moffat, each $84, 37½	168	75
"	" A. Mc. Richardson " "	125	00
"	" Providence School, Teaching per Mrs. Hall	20	16
"	" Chesterfield " Assistants to Mr. Dean for past year	17	28
"	" Rate of Exchange on $800, draft of Aug. 8th a ½ per cent	16	00
		992	19
"	" Balance on a/c closing with 31st August	506	47
"	" Monies received for Mr. Dean (Drawn by S. T. W. for Ins)	45	00
"	" Cash used by Richardson & Olds on a/c of expenses to U.S.	500	00
		2043	66

Amer. Miss.ns Assoⁿ in Acct with Free. Dem. Miss.ns

1854			Cr
Sept.	By draft of Aug 8th favor of Dr. Barrett	$ 800	00
" 8	" Wed by Richardson & Olds for travelling expenses to America	500	00
"	" Draft in favor of A.B. Olds for monies received by the A.M.A. for Miss Dean	45	00
"	" Draft of Aug. 11 favor of A.M. Richardson	100	23
	Drafts	1445	23
	Receipts from Schools & congregations		
"	" Hermitage $30, Chesterfield School 25.50	55	51
"	" Devon Pen School	14	40
"	" Providence School & congregation	36	78
"	" Brandon Hill	19	41
"	" Oberlin Cong.n $31.56 - School $24,	55	56
"	" Eliot " 100.67 School 72.00	172	67
"	" Brainerd " 87.17 " 103.42	190	59
	Island Receipts	544	91
		1990	14

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2296
ISK UNIV.

Kingston Jamaica Dec 5th 1854

Lewis Tappan Esq – Treasurer of American Miss Associatn –

Dear Sir

I hereby advise you that I have this day sold to Geo Henderson & Co my bill of Exchange on you, at ten days, for one hundred & ten Dollars, for money deposited in your treasury by James C Jeffs and set to my acct, which I trust you will honor & when paid charge to my acct.

Yours truly
Amos B. Fields

Amos M Hills
Jamaica
Letter of Advice
Dec 6 1864
Dft $110
10 d/s

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2297
FISK UNIV.

H. Anstice & Co., Stationers, 27 Nassau st. N. Y.

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by W. Belden of the Amer. Missionary Assoc.
on board the Schooner called the Metis
whereof Dorr is Master, now lying in the Port of
NEW-YORK, and bound for Kingston, Jamaica To say:
Two packages of Window sash, eight doors, Three kegs of nails, three boxes of glass, one nest of cedar tubs, one bundle of wash boards, one bundle of axe helves, one box of axes

being marked and numbered as in the margin; and are to be delivered in the like good order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of Kingston on the island of Jamaica (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto Thaddeus Hoffin or D. T. Walcott or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said fifteen Cent per foot fret

with primage and average accustomed.

In witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **NEW-YORK**, the 7 day of Dec 185[illegible]

A Dorr

T.H.
Kingston
Jamaica

X 1.2. 12.

Contents Unknown

Illinois Central Railroad
Freight by Water.
Dec 6. 1884

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2298
UNIV.

/Circular-/

To the Ex-Com- of the Am-Missy Assn.

Dear Brethren-

Having been deputized, by the Jamaica Mission, to lay before the Christian public an appeal for aid, in carrying out an enterprize, which they deem of vital importance to the welfare of the colored people of that Is- we deem it proper to lay before you- as the appropriate channel of communication- the following statement of the plan & its objects-

I The Plan is briefly this- To purchase Richmond Estate,- consisting of upwards of 1000 acres,- as a location for an Industrial School; & to dispose of a considerable portion of the land to the people, dividing it into small lots of 5- or 10 acres, & thus gathering a colony of freeholders upon the premises, whose families should be within the reach of educational & religious privileges- It is proposed to place the Property in the hands of a Board of Trust, or to organise a Joint-Stock Company- the avails to be devoted to the support of the school, & the advancement of the cause of Education among the colored people-

II The Objects contemplated in the above Plan, are primarily twofold- 1st The Education of a promising class of young men & women- as Teachers & assistants in our Schools- There is a loud call for such a class of laborers- they need a different course of training from that afforded the majority, who attend our Station Schools- They need to be educated physically, as well as intellectually & morally- they need to be taught the mechanic arts- to be impressed with the dignity of Labor, & the necessity of self-exertion & self-dependence-

2. We propose to place within the reach of a goodly number, the means of securing a Homestead, & thus investing themselves with the privileges of citizenship, & greatly improving their pecuniary prospects. It has been the settled policy of large land-holders there, to keep the soil, as much as possible, in their own hands. They have uniformly refused to sell it, in small quantities, to the negroes. Thousands of acres are lying waste & yielding their owners no profit, yet they stubbornly persist in holding them back from those who would be glad to purchase, & pay 15 or 20 Dolls per acre. The majority of the colored people are thus compelled to work out day-labor on the Estates, or rent land at 4 or 5 Dolls an acre per annum. In this way, a spirit of servility & dependence - utterly hostile to a free & healthful development of character - is fostered, & the degrading influence of Slavery, perpetuated. Now, to bring within their reach, the means of becoming freeholders - tilling their own land & gathering its fruits - is "a consummation devoutly to be wished", & its accomplishment earnestly sought, by the benevolent & philanthropic. And we firmly believe, that a few thousand dollars, devoted to the purchase & sale of lands to the colored people, - if judiciously managed - would be a most effective auxiliary in the work of elevating & christianizing them.

And we know of no locality more favorable, for the above purposes, than Richmond Estate. It is convenient of access - the surrounding district is populous. The soil is fertile & well-watered. The climate salubrious & the scenery delightful. Abundance of employment, - both agricultural & mechanical - could be furnished to all the pupils, with a small outlay of expense. There is an excellent water-privilege on the property

the Buildings - including the Sugar Works - are large & substantial, & in a tolerable state of repair - there are two or three hundred acres of arable land, lying upon the banks of the river, well fenced, & a portion of it still under cultivation - This estate is now offered for sale, at the extremely low price of five hundred pounds sterling! A fine Plantation adjoining, (but less eligibly situated,) containing 800 acres, is also offered at the same price! And now, dear brethren, shall we avail ourselves of these evident openings of Providence, for benefitting a people long-crushed, but now struggling, amid many difficulties, to rise? May we not expect a prompt response, from the liberal-minded & benevolent christian public? With them, & with God, we rest this cause & anxiously await the result.

Signed, in behalf of the members
of the Jamaica Mission

A. D. Olds
A. M. Richardson } Com-

✓ Circular
from Messrs Olds & Richardson in reference to
the Richmond Estate
enclosed in Mr R's note of Dec 10/54
ack'd
M.R.

Have it copied

Louis Napoleon Esqr
48 Gilmour St

✓ Rev. A. M. Richardson
ans. Dec 19

Lenox Ohio. Dec 10. 1854
1854

Dear Bro. A. M. Richardson

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2299
FISK UNIV.

Your favor of the 15th ult, gave me much satisfaction & should have received an earlier acknowledgment. I have delayed complying with your request, to send a statement concerning Richmond, because Bro Childs wrote me that he had forwarded you a communication on that subject. I thought, perhaps, that might be sufficient. Upon further reflection, however, I concluded to draw up a brief circular, which I now enclose, for you to make such use of, as you & the other members of the Com. may think proper. You are at liberty to make any additions or alterations in the language you may please. I hope what is done, will be done quickly, as the Mission will be greatly perplexed to know what course to pursue, should no intelligence reach them before January. I regard the recent intelligence from the Mission, as, on the whole, quite encouraging. I trust the Ex-Com will spare no pains, to obtain & send out

the needed reinforcements. My health, & that of my family, continues much the same as when I wrote you last. Comfortable. I have drawn on you, in favor of Samuel Plumb, for the balance of my acct ($140.00). I should like to draw for the Quarter's Salary commencing Dec 1st, if there is no objection. We are obliged to hire our board, & have no other means of meeting our current expenses. You inquire respecting the average temperature at Brainerd Station, during the 4 seasons of the year. It is about 80° during the summer & 70° during the winter season, with a corresponding variation in Spring & Autumn. I never saw the thermometer below 60° & seldom (if ever) above 90° at B. I regard the climate there, as one of the most delightful in the world. Much pleasanter (altho' less bracing) than the sudden changes & bleak winds of this latitude. We have had a bitter, cold stormy week, & it is now good sleighing. I spent last Sab in West-Andover with Bro Beer. Gave two lectures on the Difficulties & Encouragements connected with the Missy work in Jamaica. Much apparent interest was awakened. I have a prospect of securing two or 3 female teachers, to go out to Jam in the Spring. Please let me hear from you again soon. Miss R. unites in Christian love to yourself & your dear wife.

Affly Yours A. W. Richardson

A.M.E. ARCHIVES
Ac. FI-2300
FISK UNIV.

Dec 15th 1853

Knoxville Orleans Co N.Y.

Lewis Tappan Esq

My dear brother

I have just received a letter from Bro Wolcott dated Nov 1st in which he expresses great anxiety about the purchase money for Richmond Estate. So much importance did the Mission attach to that enterprise that they recommended Bro W. to become naturalized, & go forward & purchase the Estate, feeling confident that our American friends would sustain us in our course. The end to be accomplished was so important. The funds needed for the attainment of those objects were so trifling! Why — we had the fullest assurance, as we thought, that the friends of the Emancipated would rejoice to do such a work. And our counsels were accordingly.

Bro Wolcott writes me that he has bargained for the Estate for £500, and that he has until Jan 18th 55 to pay it in. I am confident that that amount can readily be raised by the plan that we now propose viz by a "Trust Company." Every friend of the slave to whom I speak in reference to this plan highly commends it & says it should not fail. If the "Prospectus" were ready I think I could get the Cert filled out. Some have already promised.

But there is a difficulty. Bro W. needs the money by the 18th proximo. Cannot you write Bro W. to draw on you for the amt say at 20, or even 30 days sight? And by the time it became due we could have the money ready. I think we

should be safe in such an undertaking. I can hardly see how it should be otherwise.

I feel much solicitude for Br Wolcott. He thinks very highly (not too much so) of his character for promptness as a business man. He has made a bargain for this property. And I know him so well that I am sure that the loss of $500, if he had it to lose, would not grieve him so much as the thought that he had failed as an honorable man to comply with his engagements. But I am confident he need not, for all the money will be required in Nb. it can be, there in readiness.

~~You may think the mission has cost but little, when~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2301
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica Dec 18th 1854

Lewis Tappan Esq

Dear Brother

There are some matters that deeply effect us, and indeed our whole Mission, respecting which I wish to say a few words. As the duties of the Cor-Sec- of the Mission devolve upon me, in the absence of Bro Richardson, I have been earnestly requested by the majority of the members of the Mission, to write & lay these matters before the Cor Com-. I have been assured that every member of the Mission would join in that request, and that were the Mission called together, they would pass a formal vote to the same effect.

It has been proposed that I write to you, and as that proposal accords fully with my own mind, I am the more ready to do so. It is principally facts that I have to deal with, and I will try to give them briefly in their order. It is a fact, that the Mission have received no mail from the Rooms of the A. M. A. for nearly six months, (I say no mail & few letters have reached the Mission, and I think one or two from the Rooms)

We have not only, not received our mail, but we have been informed that there was nearly six months mail for us, accumulated at the Rooms in New York. It is also a fact that vessels from New York have been arriving at Kingston every few weeks. — Some of them regular "Traders" between the two places, which have come & gone again & again within the last six months. And it is true that the Captain of one of these "Traders" has told one member of our Mission that he would gladly bring any thing for us. What then is the natural conclusion respecting his bringing any thing for the Mission? I cannot say that all these vessels would bring a package for the Mission, if asked, but gentlemen in

Kingston who have been onto some of them to inquire for packages for us tell me that any of them would do so. Bro Wolcott says (and I am responsible for telling of it) that while he was in America last year, there was no mail sent to our Mission (except once, a past there was for us at the Rooms was sent) except when he went to New York & sent it up for us. And what have we received since his return? With these facts before us the members of the Mission are unanimous, and some of them quite positive in respect to what must be the cause of our not receiving our mail. I will leave you to infer what that mind is. But my dear Brother, we should be most happy to be informed that it is not correct. We feel these things deeply & keenly, & in more respects than one. Our parents & friends at home feel them. Our being Missionaries does not prevent us nor them from feeling them, for we have never taken a Jesuitical leave of them, nor an oath that we would never write to them. Our people feel these things too. They take at our different Stations, I think about 200 Copies of the Childs Paper, and month after month they are asking after it. But what is the Childs Paper?! Why nothing but a "Little ewe lamb" that is cherished by them and their Children. Let me ask if you, my Brother, or any member of the Ceylon Com- would be satisfied to be a Missionary under such a state of things? How long will it be possible for any Missionary to feel cordial towards the Society, if these things continue? How long can the relatives & personal friends of Missionaries feel cordial towards the Society? And how long before Missionaries who go home on a visit will refuse to return? And where will the blame of such refusal, if any, rest. But after all I do not know but we have a spirit to demand too much. We ought to be thankful for what we have. We receive better than we deserve, from God, it is true. But — (?)

Perhaps too, we have not enough of a "Missionary Spirit". but I did not suppose that Spirit required us to be willing to endure privations, which we

cannot but look upon as unnecessary, and to demand it, seems to me to be demanding too much of human nature, even though it be sanctified by grace. We might have our mail sent through the P.O. but it would go every where before coming to us. A short time since, a brother received a letter, Post marked at Kingston, (Upper Canada) Montreal, Quebec St John (New Brunswick) and Bermuda. But shall we ask the Society to attend to these things for us? We certainly feel loath to do so, if it will cause any additional expense, for from past Annual Reports, we infer that the expenses of working the machinery of the Society, for the past year, have not probably been less than eight thousand dollars. Eight thousand dollars! I might ask a few questions, but will not. Well! it is nothing to go without receiving a letter or paper, for six months, when one once gets used to it. Yet strange to tell, we do long for that which is as cold water to a thirsty soul. Six months, and we have heard nothing from our native land — nothing of what your great President is doing, except that one told a dream, that he had conquered Labrador, and was pushing on for a winters campaign upon Greenland. The fact is, we are getting quite behind the times — quite behind the world. And at the rate things are moving now days, what hope that we shall ever overtake it? Should some aspiring Astronomer discover an opaque mass between the orbit of the earth, & that of the moon, which he is disposed to call an Asteroid, you can inform him as to the probability of its being our Mission. You will bear with me if I do play upon this matter a little, when that is the only way we have to render it at all palatable to ourselves. But even that resort is failing. Hungry men might sup on jokes over empty plates once, but how long could they do it? Could you see most of the members of the Mission together, themselves in a great hurry to start for their homes, and yet waiting hour after hour, after it is time for a messenger to return, whom they have sent for a document, which they hear has come for the

Missions, and which they think must be Official and of great importance, and at last find it is only a note from a stranger, by which he imposes his own business upon one of them, and then they, disappointed and chagrinned, make this way home, many miles after dark, over mountains and through rivers and mud. I think you would conclude "the mountains had travailed and brought forth a mouse".

How long shall vessels arrive and we send to see if there is anything for us, and still the old story be, a mouse?

I ask you how long these things shall be? And through you I ask the Com. If we are wrong — if we have unreasonable expectations I hope they will set us right. If the wrong is somewhere else, I hope they will set that right.

The mail that is designed for each member of our Mission ought to be put up in a separate bundle before it leaves the Rooms. Otherwise our papers, unless our names are upon them, may just as well remain there as to be sent. If they are sent in a promiscuous bundle, there is no one in Kingston that can or will assort them for us, and to get our own we must run to all the Stations, scattered over a section of country 20 miles in extent.

A list of all the papers, taken by each member of the Mission, has twice been made out, and sent to the Rooms in New York. We have been exceedingly annoyed, on receiving the few packages that have reached us this year, to find from one fourth to one third of the numbers of New York papers missing. We would very much like all the numbers of our papers, even though they must come six months after date.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
FISK UNIV.

I am, Yours truly and affectionately

H. B. Hall.

We are all in usual health. Mrs Hall joins in kind regards

H. B. H.

To H. B. Hall
Jamaica
Dec. 18/54
Rec'd
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and 28 bundles
& Feb.
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2302
FISK UNIV.

Knoxville Hanc Co N.S. Nov 2d 1863

Rev Pappan Esq

My dear brother

Your note of the 27th ult has just come to hand (forwarded from Rochester) and I make haste to reply. In reference to my statement respecting Richmond Farm Sawyer it was addressed to the Ex Com. for it was the request of that Com when I met with them while in N.S. that I would give some statements to them in writing.

But I will hasten to give some more full & definite statements in answer to your several inquiries.

And 1st Where located? Richmond Estate is in the parish of Metcalfe Jam. And is about 10 miles from Annotto Bay. and 28 miles from Kingston. It is nearly midway between Elliot & Brainard stations.

2d How much of it has been cultivated? By far the greatest portion of the estate has been under some kind of cultivation. About 200 acres have been in cane cultivation. Much of the remainder has been devoted for a long time to pasture land for the stock necessary to the cultivation of the estate. & provision grounds rented to the people

3d The quality of the land is good. It is in a fruitful district. Not over 200 acres of the land I judge is adapted to the sugar cultivation on a large scale. The remainder is mountain land, (as by far the greater portion of Jam is) and is better adapted to coffee arrow root, yams plantains &c &c.

It is a fact that ~~land~~ is imperfectly understood in this country that the mountain lands of Jam are as rich in soil as the low lands. They produce every thing. even canes as well as the plains. but are

I fear my health is suffering by travelling. I have lost four weeks since this month. Spent sixty dollars & two years without steady. The continuance of this relapse will be with my labors among the people. Not I do not wish unnecessarily to alarm friends. I do for the sake of truth & the cause of God. I feel it my duty to give a correct statement of facts to my friends. I find a very false impression in regard to my health in the minds of the people in Jamaica. Perhaps I ought to be more careful in my expressions.

not adapted to sugar estates. because they cannot be plowed. But as the people cultivate wholly by hand labor, the mountains I think are generally preferred by them. There is but a small amount of waste land on the estate.

4 Buildings. There are two dwelling houses on the estate in a very good state of repair. One is large enough to make a large family comfortable. I should judge it is 25 ft. by 40 ft on the ground. The other house is somewhat smaller. These are one story as are most of the country residences of the Island. There is also "the great house" (as this class of houses are termed) which are built for the owners of the estates, the others for the overseer, book keepers &c. This house was formerly a magnificent house; but is now considerably in ruins. The roof is quite bad. With a new roof it would still make a good house, but would not be needed. It had better be torn down for the vast amount of lumber in its ceilings floors &c. There are also immense piles of buildings connected with the old sugar works. These buildings are of brown stone. And are nearly all in a good state of repair, very little beside the roofs being capable of decay at least for the present. These buildings are more than can be used again, very soon at least. One of these could be easily converted into a school room, as there is an abundance of windows. And lumber enough in the other buildings to make any changes desirable.

5 Price of land. In this immediate vicinity the price of land since I have been in Dem has been & is, as sold in small lots to the people, from $20, to $30, per acre. Rent in that neighborhood is uniformly so far as I know $4, or per acre per an.

6 How much of it can be planted & what will it produce? See No 3

Our plan is to purchase the estate & sell to the people in small lots. say from* 3 to 20 acres at as low a price as safety to the fund will allow. It would not be best to give any title for the land until it is paid for. I think there will be great numbers who will be able to raise as much money as to pay for a few acres.

You ask will they pay in money or produce. I answer in money. They have not learned to "barter" much in Sam yet. There will need to be caution in selling the land so as not to have a great amt of it traded out in bad hands. But I have the fullest confidence in Br Wolcott in that respect.

* Each family should have 10 acres to make them comfortable. But on acct of the high price of land, most of those who have purchased land have not more than from 2 to 5 acres. Some have purchased 10, 15, or 20 acres. But these instances are rare.

You ask will the brethren do any thing about hiring the money $250, before they hear from the Committee? - I suppose they will. First they fear that some other one would purchase the place if they did not. And another such opportunity might not be again offered for many years. And then Br Wolcott was confident that he understood the mind of the Ex Com so well that he was sure that such a step would meet their aprobation. When we left they were trying to hire the money, but had not yet succeeded. Neither myself nor Br Richardson have heard from Sam to know whether they did or not, succeed.

You say you forgot to ask me whether any of the missionaries had engaged in the mining speculation in any way?- I can tell you what I have done. Br Richardson told me he had a conversation with you in reference to what his connection with it had been. Br Hall Thompson & Verbeck have had less connection with any Copper interests.

Somewhat over a year before I left the Island when I was at one of my out (week day) appointments one of my people brought me a fine specimen of Copper on desiring to know what it was. His little girl had found it in his field. In the same week I called on a family in that neighborhood that had a daughter with Mrs Olds. After sitting a few moments they asked me to look at a stone that one of his neighbors had found & left there. It was another stone of Copper. I desired him to call the man from whose land it was supposed to come. He did so. And we walked out into his provision grounds, & in a short time we found two distinct lodes of Copper ore. The question then came up what was to be done with these indications. There were persons on the Island that were searching for copper. But were they such as would deal justly by the people; for nearly all the land in this district was owned by the colored people. It being far in the mountains it was sold cheap & most of it was bought up. I felt that I had a responsibility in the matter. While not looking for it I had nevertheless found what seemed to be a mine of wealth. I determined as the best thing to be done, to write to Br Barrett of Kingston to come & take mining leases of the people & form a company for the working of it. I did so & he came. I recommended him to the people. And they almost with one accord said "we will do just as minister tell we". That is if I recommended Br B. they had confidence in him. He took leases & has formed his company. But from the beginning he promised to give me an equal interest to his own in any pecuniary benefits he might receive from it. I have done as I have. And I do not know how I should do differently if I were to be placed in the same circumstances again. I know there were dangers in my course. And yet I had duties to discharge. Had an opportunity presented I should like to have had a conversation with

A. D. Olds on this subject of Copper in Jamaica (Office of Jamaica Times) Dec 27/59 and 19 Dec

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2363
FISK UNIV.

9 o'clock
Kingston Jam. eve, Dec. 26/54

Lewis Coppin Esq.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Coppin arrived on Friday, 22d inst. – word reached us at Brainard on Sat. eve. – Bro. Mills & myself came down yesterday – today we have all been very busy in sundry matters connected with arrival of Mr. Coppin and I have just now returned to our lodgings from an interview with the overseer of Richmond who came down this afternoon. Our interview has resulted in a very amicable arrangement for my settlement at Richmond giving me full possession from the 1st Jan. 1855 – I think we will have a Mission gathering, and a sort of Jubilee on that day (D.V.) —— Your permit to draw for $500, with the amt for Br. Mills comes just in the "nick of time" My obligations to Mr. Westmorland – Attorney for Richmond – required me to leave the property, altogether, or pay $500, its full price. The last 2 months I have been renting a residence & pasturage on the Estate, & have moved on most of our goods or household stuff. In doing as I have, I had nothing to lean on but naked faith. I felt sure that I was on the right track & deliverance would come in some way – We hoped, of course, to hear something good from you. Last week Broth. Thompson, Mills & myself went to work

in earnest to raise the money in a way that almost any sane person would have thot desperate & foolhardy. On Sat. we had just £25 and the promise (reliable) of one hundred pounds to be paid to Br. Thompson today. We had also begun to pull another string which we hoped would bring us another £100, perhaps £200. & it was becoming barely possible, from our success thus far, that we should have the full amt in time. - Our plan was, negotiating wholly with the black people for small sums on loan for 1 year. The people seem to feel a strong desire for the success of our enterprise.

I have not time to detail all the circumstances that have interested us in this affair, nor would you have patience to read — Bro. Hills loans me his, or £100, of it, which with your £100 and what we can get from other sources, makes it so certain that the full amt will be forthcoming that we are granted full & formal possession on New-Years-day — The whole concern is to be closed up as soon as our solicitors can arrange the usual documents. I have taken all the necessary steps for naturalization & my final papers constituting me a legal British subject will be issued in a few days

I am surprised, both by your & Mr. Whipple's letters by Br. Hoppin, to find, as it seems, that at least two important letters, one to Mr. Whipple & another to yourself, detailing our

plans, & wishes from you, and describing particularly the Estate, have not been received. Mr. Whipple expresses surprise that I did not write him, especially by Dr. Barrett. The truth is, I had waited so long in vain, for something from Bro. Whipple, or from some one else that I had no heart to write. I simply said to Dr. B. say to the Ex. Com. just what you please you know my position. Really I felt more like setting up for an independent missionary & doing what I could alone, than saying anything or asking any help from any one save some of my nearest friends. I had said to myself, God giving me life & health, I can & will ~~carry~~ execute my plans alone, if need be, tho with large odds against me. I have long cherished & purposed to put in operation, if God would open the way, the plan of a large family industrial school, self supporting, with the exception of a teacher's salary, or even without that exception, if need be — when Richmond was offered for sale, it presented at once facilities beyond all expectation, both to carry out my individual plans, and at the same time, & by almost the same means, realize the objects of our mission High School. Here also was presented the beginning of another most important enterprise on behalf of the people - viz - the purchase of Estates entire, at a very low price, & selling them out in small farms to the people, thus establishing communities of freeholders, with land at half the current prices - This, you will see, would bring

the lands within the reach of many otherwise unable to purchase. I cannot express my strong desire to see these things in operation - my deep feeling of their importance - nor my strong assurance of, in proper hands, their practicabelity. You will hear, perhaps, this & every other scheme devised for the elevation of "Niggers", pronounced a humbug - a grand failure, if attempted - as one good man, said to me, in America, speaking of the blacks; "Well, I have about made up my mind that you cant make a whistle out of a pig's tail anyhow"

I would reply by saying, in reference to the position of things generally in Jamaica. - You cant make a whistle, of the best material, with only a pig's tail for an instrument - Give us the proper tools & we will make the whistle, even of inferior material; - perhaps we can transform even the pig's tail - at least we can try. - I may say that our plans meet with universal approbation here - once started, and we will obtain some substantial favor in the island - We shall expect some nice Gov. grants by & bye -

You may, perhaps, imagine something of my feelings, sometimes feelings of sadness, at finding my urgent appeals to you treated with such apparent tameness - no answer not even a no - no appearance of sympathy - - - -

The very kind letters by Br. H. are truly refreshing - health to the bones - I begin to feel light & buoyant but I must beg pardon for this lengthy generalization & bid you good night, proposing something more in detail after a little rest -

ARCHIVES O.A.M.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2304
FISK UNIV.

No 2

Wednesday Morning Dec. 27th 1854

My Dear bro. O.

According to your request I proceed to give you somewhat in detail - and

1st Richmond - From what I have already said, you will perceived that I am individually pledged to pay for the estate in full on the 1st Jan. That pledge must - will be redeemed - Mr. Westmorland reserved any pledge or forfeit money, or payment by installments - Our original + only pledge has been, to be the purchaser with prompt + full payment - according to the proprietors only proposed terms. Said Estate is situated ten miles from Annatto Bay in a south west direction on the road (carriage road) from Annatto Bay to Spanish town. - An ancient sugar Estate - class no. 1 - just closing cultivation, + by no means dilappidated - Its locality is A. no. 1 - in this quarter - Soil 1st quality - comparatively level + very little waste land - Most of it has been at some time + in some way or another cultivated - very little has been exhausted, + tho formerly, it is said, 300 hhds sugar + 150 hhds rum were produced annually. 1000 slaves were on the property of the Estate. About 80 acres are now rented at £1 annually per acre - Some 150 acres have been sold at from £4 to £6 per acre - The Estate now stands on the parish tax roll at 1090 acres - Warranted in our bargain to contain between 1000 + 1100 acres -

The buildings - sugar works quite extensive - three

+ you must not understand by level just what would be applicable to America

that anybody will purchase it for agricultural purposes and it will want us Yankees, if anybody to parcel it out right to the people – we can do it I trust – O how I want the hammer (Cash) to strike when the iron is hot —— once in going & we will make one hand wash the other

I just perceive that you ask if we propose to rent. We shall recommend to all to purchase, still some will wish to rent – We shall rent them at say 16 shil. per acre per annum. 4s less than current rates We regard this rate as high, but we think best it should be so in order to urge to purchase, & for other reasons which I can not now stop to explain ——

2d – Educational plans – this I have anticipated in general in what I have already said – The detail of school plans is not yet fully developed. I think of a circular setting forth the thing bye & bye – – Our proposed institution will commence on a small scale & advance We design it soon to be say, the Richmond Industrial & Normal School – but the name is not fixed – The school is not designed for g-e-n-t-l-e-men and la-d-i-e-s – but for the people – to educate for men & women & good citizens, the "Peasantry" ——

We propose to make it a model school, such as any one with half an eye can see is greatly needed, one of, in every parish in the island ——

We take as our pattern a New England family with all its domestic & other influences – and propose as far as circumstances will allow, the same privileges to children in Jamaica – We have had some hopeful experience in this already – The school is to be open to all the families that will be settled around us – the institution family to furnish for all a model – and this so far as board, clothes books &c to be self-supporting – not refusing however any

large buildings of hewn lime stone in excellent condition all except the roofs - these are only middling the mill house must be shingled in a year or so. The grinding or mill house, is a superior water power an over shot wheel 20 feet or more diameter - this is dilappidated & will not last more than the present year - the interior machinery is all good We are to pay extra for the mettals of the mill the price of old mettals - tho the mill irons are nearly new - Two dwelling houses in tolerable repair - one our present residence & one suitable for school house for the present all in same yard - these are of wood - Another - the proprietary mansion-house - now rented for Gov: purposes at £40. per annum - Wood - of such construction & so much out of repair as to render it most economical to tare down - It contains a large quantity of the most durable lumber suitable for other buildings - altogether the building could not be put up to their actual present value for the purposes erected for anything like the sum of £500 - the water power is permanently built & adapted to any kind & amount of machinery desirable - The whole estate including slave & other property, not now included, to the amount of some £800 - cost the present proprietor £9992-16-0 - We have then an Estate of over 1000 acres of good land adapted to the growth of all our staple & other production, with valuable

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buildings – A large number of thriving coconut trees bread fruits, oranges & a multitude of other fruits too numerous to mention – Sd land is all saleable, the best in quality & position, without buildings – at from 4 to 5 pounds per acre (tho this will be mostly reserved for institutional purposes) – A large portion at £3 – some at £2 & some of the very poorest possibly as low as £1 per acre – £2 – £3 will be the range on actual sale – What pay can we get? Cash, of course – Some will be able to pay down – Some by installments. It will take a little time probably to make the people see what we are – to inspire confidence &c. A goodly number have bespoken land already – One black man wants 100 acres – says he can pay cash down for it – another wants 20 acres – others various quantities – Many persons are very skeptical, not about the importance, but the success of our enterprise – but depend on it, if God spares my life & health we shall succeed – Let me say here, lest I forget it that immediately joining to Richmond & approaching to within 20 rods of our works, the river only separating, is another Estate the quality of land fully equal to R. & 2d only to it in position – containing 1800 acres with less valuable buildings is now for sale for the same price as R. viz. £500 – This is also a sugar Estate with large fields now in Cane – It is not probable

that anybody will purchase it for agricultural purposes and it will want us Yankees, if any body, to parcel it out right to the people – we can do it I trust – O how I want the hammer (Cash) to strike when the iron is hot —— once in going & we will make one hand wash the other

I just perceive that you ask if we propose to rent. We shall recommend to all to purchase, still some will wish to rent – We shall rent them at say 16 stg. per acre per annum. 4s less than current rates

We regard this rate as high, but we think best it should be so in order to urge to purchase, & for other reasons which I can not now stop to explain ——

2d – Educational plans – this I have anticipated in general in what I have already said – The detail of school plans is not yet fully developed. I think of a circular setting forth the thing bye & bye – – Our proposed institution will commence on a small scale & advance. We design it soon to be say, the Richmond Industrial & Normal School – but the name is not fixed – The school is not designed for G-e-n-t-l-e-men and La-d-i-e-s – but for the people – to educate for men & women & good citizens, the "Peasantry" ——

We propose to make it a model school, such as any one with half an eye can see is greatly needed, one of, in every parish in the island ——

We take as our pattern a New England family with all its domestic & other influences – and propose as far as circumstances will allow, the same privileges to children in Jamaica – We have had some hopeful experience in this already – The school is to be open to all the families that will be settled around us – the institution family to furnish for all a model – and this so far as board, clothes, books &c to be self-supporting – not refusing however any

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special donations in boxes clothing, school apparatus &c. &c. which the good ladies & others may get up for us — We shall ultimately we hope need some funds to reconstruct some of our spacious stone buildings & transform them into an appropriate school edifice — Perhaps this may be done principally from profits on sales. If God spare me long enough my own hands can do it. We propose to open school immediately — the oldest girl in my family — who has been 7 years with us to be teacher till August — We hope by that time to get ready to enlarge our work — Miss Dean thinks she must rest from teaching for a few months. She proposes to be in my family & act as a sort of Matron supporting herself for a time on wages from me. — You will see that the leading features of our school, look not, at present, to making great scholars, but good men, good citizens — I hope what you will find here will prove satisfactory, if you can have patience to read so much. I am compelled to write offhand, hastily, & must of course be rather verbose — Yet there are many other things I would like to say if I had time. — I have drawn on you for $500 at 30 days sight — Bro. Hills in two bills — one $200. at ten days — & $300 — at 20 days sight — all to the order of Messrs Henderson & Co —

Please let this serve as our note of advice

I am sorry I cannot write bro Whipple to go with this but time fails me now & if this should be delayed for a few days I may get another ready. In mean time I must go home. Bro. & Sis. Moffat think it pretty certain that they will be compelled to go home, probably to remain, in the Spring — I can hardly feel reconciled to have it so — My oldest boy has been very sick — slowly recovering — otherwise we are all well. But O, how little there is permanent on earth — all changing —

Remember us to all our friends & at the throne of Grace

In labors for the poor
Yours Truly
Seth T. Wolcott

Confidential questions — answered

1st Bro. Way was implicated, & we think culpably in selling tobacco while keeping shop thro his adopted son who came out & died here —

He was severely & successfully reprimanded by the Mission — He has not been implicated since. None of the (our) missionaries use tobacco — All discountenance its use every where — not allowed in our schools. Many of our church members are antitobacco men. The use of the weed is very popular here — It seems to add much even to a minister's power to be gentel — most I think use it — 2d Some members of the Mission I may say most, have, or have had an interest of some sort in Dr. B.'s mining enterprise. More I believe by way of helping Dr. B. than in any other way — passive rather than active agents in furthering a great enterprise — Most was done while I was in America — I don't like to "tell tales out of school" & think each brother can answer for himself better than I for him. My own active interest in the mines is simply an earnest hope for their success. If ever they become of any pecuniary interest to me it will be, the unsolicited generosity of others & no effort of my own. I think I should agree with your sentiments in this matter — Yours

Dett T. Walcott

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Letter F. Wolcott
Dec 26th & 27th

Rec'd Jan 31 1854

1. about Richmond Estate
2. a deed & Drafts
3. Answers to Confidential inquiries.

Ans'd per
Mentor 8 Feb

1. Drafts accepted
2. Thanks for his long & interesting letter.
3. Regrets he had nothing to do with the coffee scheme.
4. Have been hurtled that the Mariscoandos, the negro to do what has been agitated with such a matter but am confident in believing it will prove all sunshine
5. State they will have a hard but clear of all speculations, efforts to make money, all profits made by selling to the negroes, all trading
6. Leave to the wife of Selling to Decline

A. M. H. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2306
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A. D. Olds
Dec 27 1854
UG

Ans Jan 3
LB
phone end Jan 2
Dog

Buck Byron Dec 27th 1854

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th inst came duly to hand and its contents noted. I was glad to see what you said about your movements in reference to Richmond estate. I hope they will be successful. I think your suggestion about Austin a very good one. Although I confess I should have more confidence in Bro Wolcott & Beardslee than in W. H. Anderson. Lawyers in Tam have got the impression so ground into their very bones that they can do nothing of a business character without a liberal compensation that I almost fear to put business matters in their hands. And yet perhaps bro Wolcott & Beardslee would be a sufficient check upon him. And I must confess that I have not all that confidence in W. H. Anderson that I once had. I have known something of his conduct with orphan children for whom he was the guardian and whose property he had in his hands. He is now indebted to me more than $80 for boarding, clothing &

and schooling boys whose property he had in his hands. We did all of this at the low price of $60 per annum for the sake of giving these boys all the advantages their means would allow. And I report in Dam says without a contradiction that he has taken thousands of dollars for lawyers fees from them!

I did not design to say these things when I began but a second thought suggests that I could not do my duty under the circumstances without saying something that would give you a view of Mr. T. Who I know abroad has a reputation for philanthropy but unfortunately, at home this reputation has become sadly tarnished. Mrs Olas thinks that neither Br Beardsley or Br Wolcott would like to act with him. Although neither of them to my knowledge has any personal difficulty with Mr Andrews. Indeed he professes strong attachment to our mission but I know not but he is really so.

I would suggest that Dr Barrett would be in my opinion a much more acceptable trustee. He is a man in whose business character the public have great confidence. Br Beardsley is not a naturalized subject. But this need make no difference as Dr Barrett and Br Wolcott are. One naturalized subject is all that a trust company would demand.

Or as you suggest 3 Englishmen may be found in N.S. who would be such men as you would desire & who would act as trustees and give a power of Atty to Br Wolcott.

It is my opinion that the money can be raised in this country with less trouble and expense than by sending to Eng. Almost every one who is a friend to the class to whom I have mentioned our plans has expressed a strong desire that it may succeed. And I think there are many such men who when they are persuaded that it would be a safe investment would cheerfully invest their funds.

I am happy to say that the churches when I go seem to manifest a good degree of interest in the Dam Miss. They only need to know about our work then to be interested in it.

I have not generally taken collections, but have left it for the friends to decide they can go around & get more. And besides for many sat baths past the weather has been so very bad that congregations have been almost uniformly small.

I collected at Knowlesville $3.93. of which Mrs Knowles gave $2.50 and thus $1.93.

I also collected at Ellington " 2.05

My travelling expenses (including Mr Evans children) home, added to the expenses of going to the Annual Meeting. And my travels since in behalf of the A.M.A. have amounted to $356.82

~~Expenses from Oberlin to Hartford~~

We drew on the A.M.A. for $100, which we sold at 3 per ct discount. Of which I received £62.10 — $303.12.2

I also drew from you $16 when at Meriden Ct, which we should make the amount need for travelling expenses to be $313.12. This deducted from $356.82 leaves $43.79½ in my favor. Now if I retain what I have in my possession it will make us for all practical purposes —. Balanced.

I have concluded to preach to a small church for the present and shall not hurry me my next quarter's salary.

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I must not omit to say a few words in reply to that portion of your letter in which you speak of my connection with the Copper Mining interest. Of course you should feel an interest in all that affects the interest of your missions. But if I understand you, you take a position that seems to me quite untenable. Do you seem to think that for a missionary to have any connection with a Copper Mining company must be sin per se. without taking into account how he came by it or how he design to use it. (unless he holds it for the A.M.A.) Do I understand you to say that a Missionary cannot rightfully hold 10 or 100 shares in a Mining Company? If so, on what do you base your conclusion? For myself I do not see how, mining scrip can be so fearfully bad, if it represents a real value. Why is it worse than a bank note? You more than intimate that it would not not be my objection with to the A.M.A. I do not see the force of your distinction.

You seem to think that your missionaries cannot

secure a lot of property for any other cause than for the advancement of the A.M.A. Your own words are "I do not mean to say that the missionaries could not promote the temporal welfare of the colored people or see that a portion of the profits if any should be secured to the A.M.A." But surely the missionaries would not enter into any business or speculation for their own pecuniary advantage? You seem to think it a horrible thing for a missionary to do any thing for his "pecuniary advantage". As he it were a crime for him to think of the future comfort of his wife & children. And yet I suppose you would be slow to apply the same reasoning to a Miss Committee, and the members of the Church at large. It is no disparagement to a member of a Miss Committee that he has his thousands & tens of thousands. Why this difference? You say that the missionary is sent off for the express work of laboring for the spiritual & other good of the people. Granted. This is so. But suppose that God by his providence, without the seeking of the missionary throws wealth into his hands? And further, that it is done in a manner that does not interfere with his labors as a missionary? What is he? What ought he to do with it? Why you say like a dutiful son he is to yield all to the A.M.A. But now I ask does this appear? — Has he neither responsibility, nor interest in the matter that is to guide him? You seem to regard your position as a self evident truth. Is it so? If it is, what are its limitations? To whom does it apply? To me your position seems simply ridiculous. You take it for granted that the missionary should have no confidence in his ability to dispose aright of what God has committed to his hands. Perhaps it is true that we all ought to have less confidence in our dispositions to devote ourselves & all we have on the altar of God & humanity. But I have yet to learn that missionaries are peculiar in this respect. It is natural for us to think well of our own abilities & plans. And it is perhaps for this reason that I have to confess, that I would as soon trust myself to apply any funds that may come into my hands for the good of humanity, as to sent those funds into the hands of any other person or persons. And moreover I cannot see why it would not be a portion of the trust

committee to me that I am not at liberty to commit to another without better reasons for so doing than I now see.

I am by no means sure that I shall receive any "pecuniary advantage" from any opinions I may have an interest in. I do not design to do so unless there is a real value therein, which I do not doubt there is.

Hoping these statements and views will be satisfactory to you

I subscribe myself ~~your~~

Your faithful but

Astonished brother

A. C. L. Eds

P.S. Please direct any communications you may desire to make to me to Carlton & Bridgman Mass Co N.Y. Will you have the kindness to have the Lemuel Missionary sent to me there

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Lenox. Ohio
Dec 29th 1834

L. Tappan Esqr

Dear Brother-

Your favor of the 19th inst, was duly recd-
I thank you most sincerely, for having moved so promptly, in relation to the Richmond matter, as soon as you recd the desired information.
I have strong hopes, (if the matter is pushed, with as little further delay as possible) that Br Wolcott will be able to make satisfactory arrangements for securing the Property.
Have you applied to Mr Brainerd, if so, with what success?
Please keep me informed how the matter progresses-
I have drawn on you, in favor of Plumb & Benham of this place, for $112,50 at ten days sight-
I believe my Quarters Salary was $125, but we decided to leave the Ballance in the Treasury of the Soc, as my wife has recd

some presents from the ladies here, which will more than cover that sum.

I regret that I did not have an opportunity of explaining verbally to you, the connection which some of us have had & still have, with the effort to develope the mineral resources of Jamaica. Could I have done so, I feel confident you would have been perfectly satisfied, so far as present relations are concerned — I gave Bro Whipple a brief statement of the facts at New Haven, but had not time or strength to go into details —

I trust Bro Olds will be able to make the matter plain. I do not see any grounds to apprehend the result you fear. I should deprecate it as much as yourself —

In haste

Yours affly

N. M. Rickardson

Please have the "Am. Missy" sent to Harrison House - Lenox - Ohio

✓ Rev. A. M. Richardson
Lenox O.
Dec 29/54
1 Richmond Estate
2. Quarter's Salary
3 Minutes of Ch

Wrote Jan 4
L. B. at house

L. Pappan Esqr
48 Beekman St
New York

Richmond Dec. 30th 1854

Dear Bro Whipple

Your very excellent and sympathizing letter was rec'd evening before last. At the time of writing it seems, you had not rec'd Bro Hall's letter showing the action of the mission respecting us. As his letter may be lost, I will simply state that at my request a meeting of the mission was called about the first of Nov. which voted that I discontinue my labors in school & Bro Hill take my place. Also that we give up housekeeping for a time and board with Bro Wolcott for a time who kindly offered to receive us. We have now been here about eight weeks; during this time we have been using all the means at hand for our recovery. At first Mrs M rallied a little but now she is no better than when we came here. My own health is somewhat improved.

I deplore probably even more deeply than you can, for I see and know what one at a distance cannot, the necessity which compells me to leave my field of labor for a season. What my dear wife has written explains this necessity. Were I the only one who would suffer by postponing our contemplated visit to America I would suffer on even another whole year if need be; or if any other suitable person could accompany Mrs. M. and see that she was properly cared for during the voyage I would consent to stay. In the absence of any such person my duty is plain.

I indulge the hope that my temporary absence will not result in serious injury to the school or church here. Bro Hill

will probably take care of the school quite as well, perhaps better than myself; and Bro. Wolcott being only four miles distant will preach at Brainerd, nearly every Sabbath. Besides there are four deacons, two of whom are very active & efficient laborers. May God's blessing come upon this people — especially upon the precious children and youth. O! dear brother when I think of these it seems to me that I cannot have it so — that I cannot go and leave them. O! for grace to say "Thy will be done".

We shall probably arrive in New York about the middle of Feb. and stop at Drs. Trall's Water Cure

Yours affectionately

Addison Moffat

Mr. S. B. Moffat
A. Moffat
Jamaica Plain
Dec 30/64

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Dec. 30. 1854.

Dear Bro. Whipple

Your kind good letter arrived just as we were deciding the trying but important question of leaving for America to recruit our health. You speak of waiting till the last moment & being assured that God directs it. We think that time has come. I wish to make a few statements which I think will convince you & all interested in us, that we have not acted hastily, or without sufficient cause. I can scarcely collect my thoughts to do this, or have steadiness of nerve to guide my pen. Perhaps it is not known to you how very poorly my health has been for nearly a year past. I do not think I have been entirely free from nervous headache a day during this time. A kind nervous irritation has been on the increase for 8 or 9 months past though occasionally abating yet only to renew the attack with with more violence Much of the time my mental & physical energies have been so prostrated as to entirely unfit me for any kind of business. Dejection of spirits has been the consequence while an almost impenetrable gloom has settled before the vision of my mind. If a bright spot has now & then appeared, it has as soon disappeared, leaving a darker hue than before. Trifling occurrences often cause my sensitive nerves to quiver, & the unbidden tear to flow — indeed I feel I am but the wreck of what I was when I first came to the island.

My friends tell me I "must be cheerful & hope for the best," — & so I try: but I am like one with his feet in the stocks, who cannot rise till his fetters are broken. I can truly say "The things that I would, I do

not, & the things I would not those do I. Though I trust I have not lost all confidence in God as my Saviour & Protector, yet I do not understand his dealings with me. Much of the language of Job in his afflictions seems to be the language of my heart, yet like him I have a glimmering of hope that "when I am tried I shall come forth as gold."

I have written this not so much to tell you of my sufferings as to let you see how utterly useless I am as a laborer. Indeed I feel that I am an incumbrance both to my husband, & the rest of the mission.

Now would God have me remain in this condition without an effort to recover from it? I think not duty seems plain. We have endeavored to try every available means here but with what success you see. What is now left for us but to try the cold dry & bracing atmosphere of our native land? I regret the cessation of our labors here & much as I long to see my dear parents with my husband (whom they have never seen) before the grave shall close over them, I would gladly labor here for some length of time yet did not stern necessity forbid it.

Your afflicted Sister

Sarah B. Moffat.

Jamaica Miss.

From Mr. Scott, dated Jamaica Nov. 1. Rec'd N.Y. Dec 1. 1834

"We are still embarrassed & fear we shall be more so in this matter (the purchase of Richmond) We continue to hope however, and that so ardently that I have rented one of the houses, with partner, till Jan'y 1. Our privilege & promise of purchase continues to that time.... Failing in our purchase money beyond Jan'y 1. will be embarrassing & mortifying to us in the extreme, to say nothing of the pecuniary loss, and loss of moral power which must result. You can conceive something of our solicitude. More than a score of children and youth are already pressing upon us for a place at Richmond, after Christmas.

All our plans are formed in anticipation of favorable results. We must not fail.

Can we not draw for $500.00 at least, on loan for this specific object rather than suffer a total failure?

Mem.

Mr & Mrs Moffatt.

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Jamaica Mission

	Present Salaries	Salaries desired	Received this year	
× Rev. A. M. Richardson	$400.	450.	~~$437.50~~	
✓ " S. J. Wolcott	400.	450.	~~437.50~~	
✓ " H. B. Hall	400.	450.	~~437.50~~	$1300
✓ " J. M. Way	450.	500.	~~487.50~~	375
✓ " L. Thompson	400.	450.	~~437.50~~	
× " A. D. Olds.	400.	450.	~~437.50~~	
✓ Mr A. Moffat	300.	337.50	~~388.12~~	
✓ Rev. C. B. Benning	300.	400.00	400.	Special Vote
✓ Mary Dean	160.	200.00	~~184~~	Special.
× Maria Hicks	160.	180.	~~175.~~	
✓ Lucy Woodcock	160.	180.	~~175~~	
✓ A. B. Hills	300.	337.50	~~388.13~~	
× Chas Sims	100	112.50	110.	
✓ Marg't Stewart	100	112.50	110.	
$100				
For buildings & repairs		400.00.		
For rent in town	70.	100.00		
For purchase of land		50.00	950.	
		$3360.00	$5241.25	

7 Ministers
3 Male teachers
13 Female Assistants

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Jamaica Mission.

1854

Salaries

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1853 American Missionary Association, in a/c with Jamaica Mission

Nov	To P. M. Way, Salary one quarter, to Nov 30th	$ 112	50
"	" Chas Syms $30. H. B. Hall $100, Maria Hicks $40,	170	00
	" L. Thompson 100, A. D. Olds 100, Mary Howe 60	260	00
	" A. M. Richardson 100, S. J. Wolcott 100, A. Moffat 75,	275	00
	" C. B. Venning 75, Mary Dean 40,	115	00
	" Margaret Stuart, balance due for teaching at Golden Vale	40	00
	" Nor Bell Teacher at Hope Bay, per Vote of Mission	24	00
	" Room-rent in Kingston 7 months	33	60
	" A. M. Richardson's draft in July (Extra appropriation)	450	00
		1460	10
1854 Jany	" P. M. Way, Salary to Feb 28th, 1 qr. (New order, per vote of Ex Com	125	00
	" A. M. Richardson $125, L. Thompson 112.50	237	50
	" A. D. Olds 112.50, H. B. Hall 112.50 Maria Hicks 45	270	00
	" Mary Dean 50, C. B. Venning 100, S. J. Wolcott 100.	250	00
	" A. Moffat 84.35 Chas Syms 44.20	128	55
	" A. B. Hills, from 1st Jan. 2 months salary	56	25
	" Margaret Stuart, teaching at Rock River 23 weeks	55	20
	" Miss Woodcock, Salary 2 months to Feb 28th	30	00
	" " " Travlg Expenses to N. Y. $10 - other trlg expes 3.06	13	06
	" " " Outfit per vote of Ex. Com. 25, board 7,	32	00
	" Freight on goods for A. B. Hills to N. York $11.12	11	12
	" Daguerreotypes for Hills, Woodcock & Wolcott	6	60
	" Passages of Mr. & Mrs. Hills & Miss Woodcock to Kingston	105	00
	" Expenses on a/c of Mr. & Mrs. H. & Miss W. dk for freight, duties		
	" Traveling expenses &c. after leaving N.Y. to 1st Jan	57	52
	" Rate of exchange on draft of A. M. Richardson Sept 13 $450,		
	" and S. J. Wolcott's drafts of Dec. & Jany $1050, at 9 per cent	30	00
	" A. B. Hills, Outfit, appropriation by Ex Com.	40	00
		1447	70
March	" P. M. Way, Salary 1 qr. to May 31st $125;		
	A. M. Richardson 125, L. Thompson 112.50, A. D. Olds 112.50	475	00
	" H. B. Hall 112.50 M. Hicks 45, M. Dean 50	207	50
	" C. B. Venning 100, S. J. Wolcott 100, A. Moffat 84.38	284	38
	" A. B. Hills 84.37 Miss Woodcock 45;	129	37
	" Rate of exchange on drafts of March 14 for $25;	16	50
	" Appr for buildings for current year: applied to Mt. Patienne Belgar & Rock River	400	00
	" Appropriation for purchase of land at Oberlin	50	00
	" Balance on room-rent in town to 1st Jan	7	20
		1569	95
		4497	75

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1854 A. M. A. Contd

June	To A. B. Hills, traveling expenses to & in N. York, with board	$ 54	16
	" P. M. Way, Salary 1 qr. to Aug. 31st	125	00
	" A. M. Richardson 125, L. Thompson 112.50	237	50
	" H. B. Hall 112.50 A. D. Olds 112.50	225	00
	" E. B. Venning 100. S. T. Wolcott 100. M. Dean 50.	250	00
	" Lucy Woodcock 45, Margaret Stuart 26.40 at Oberlin	71	40
	" A. Moffat, A. B. Hills, each 84.37½	168	75
July	" Cash paid Mrs. Daniel Carpenter	50	00
Aug	" Room-rent in Kingston from 1st Sept 8 months	66	66
	" Rate of exchange on May & June drafts $1150	23	00
	" Eliot School, teaching by Mrs. Thompson	30	18
	" Brainerd, Assistant teaching	25	74
	" Oberlin, per Chas Syms, pd by A. M. Richardson	24	00
		1351	39
		449	75
		5849	14
Sept.	" P. M. Way, Salary 1 qr. to Nov. 30th	125	00
	" L. Thompson, H. B. Hall, each 112.50	225	00
	" E. B. Venning 100, S. T. Wolcott 100,	200	00
	" Mary Dean 50. Lucy A. Woodcock 45,	95	00
	" A. B. Hills, A. Moffat, each 84.37½	168	75
	" A. M. Richardson 125, Providence school 20.16	145	16
	" Chesterfield, Assistants to Miss Dean for part year	17	28
	" Money recd by L. Tappan for Miss Dean, pd her by S. T. W.	45	00
	" Rate of Exchange $800 draft of Aug. 8th	16	00
	" Cash used by Richardson & Olds for expenses to U. S.	500	00
	" Rate of Ex on draft of April 11th $200. - 2 per cent	4	00
	" Grist Mill (Special appropriation)	60	00
	" New Englander two years (Donation to Missionaries suppose)	4	00
Nov	" Maria Hicks traveling expenses in America	30	00
Dec	" " " Expenses via Aspinwall to New York	100	00
	" A. M. Richardson, per draft of Nov 22	40	00
	" Thadeus Koppin Incidentals & passage	57	88
	" A. D. Olds draft for Salary in Oct	112	50
	" A. M. Richardson, draft of Dec. 17	112	50
	" Stove for Oberlin Station 18.10. Freight & duties on 3.81.	21	91
	Omitted in a/c June 1852 – Mr. Pherson's bill – four stoves,	2079	98
	one for Olds, one for Thompson, one for Hall, one for Oberlin		
	I credited the G. M. G. the whole bill, but never charged the		
	Stove for Oberlin — — Brot forward	5849	14
		7929	12

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No. FI-2312
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1853	A. M. A. Cont'd	Cr
Nov 1	Bal balance on a/c settled with G. Whipple up to Aug. 31st	3 72
"	" 10 Copies Weekly Tribune charged May 6 on books of	10 00
"	" Childs Paper for E. Thompson, July 13	4 50
"	" Richardson's draft for ~~Amt of appr~~ expen	450 00
"	" Cash pd for Mary Dean, August	20 00
"	" A. M. Richardson's draft for Salaries	450 00
"	" Miss Woodcock, traveling expenses 2.25 + 0.81	3 06
"	" " " " to New York	10 00
"	" " " Board in New York	7 00
"	" Richardson's draft, favor of S. I. Wolcott	200 00
"	" Freight on 2 bbl apples Nov 5	2 32
Nov 18	" S. I. Wolcott, Cash on a/c Salary	100 00
"	" Freight & cartage on box goods, for E. Thompson	1 99
"	" " " on goods for A. B. Hills	11 12
"	" Lawrence, bill Daguerreotypes for Miss Wolcott & Wisnant	6 50
"	" J. W. Mason, bill Chairs	32 00
"	" John Wilson Rocking horse for P. M. Way	2 00
"	" A. McPherson Stoves & furniture	51 39
"	" Shepard, bill of books	37 48
"	" S. I. Wolcott's draft to Fowler & Wells for J. C. Beardsley	74 24
"	" Condict, bill for Saddles	78 64
"	" Halstead Haynes & Co. dry goods	61 13
"	" Corning & Co. Hardware	41 79
Dec 22	" S. I. Wolcott's draft, favor of A. Barrett	650 00
1854 Jan 12	" " " " for buildings " "	400 00
"	" 1 bbl. beans 7.31 Saleratus 10.81. bbl crackers 4.97	23 09
"	" Johnson & Treadwell, 4 boxes Soda crackers in Nov.	6 10
"	" S. E. Sayre's bill Furniture	30 37
"	" Passages for Hills, Wolcott & Co. S. W. Burnham's bill,	175 00
"	" Bill of drugs for P. M. Way	93 65
"	" Cartage 1.37 Custom House 1.20	2 57
"	" Freight on grist mill from Mich.	4 07
"	" Water Cure Journal	2 50
"	" Portable grist mill (Special appropriation)	60 00
"	" A. M. Richardson's draft, C. H. R. Oct 1st/53	48 00
"	" Cartage 37 cts Clearance 70c	1 07
Feb	" Box 94c cartage 50c freight to Kingston $1.	2 44
"	" Receipts from congregations for 1853	355 24
March 14	" S. I. Wolcott's drafts favor of A. Barrett $825	825 00
25	" M. Guffy's Readers, per Schooner Bonita	10 80
"	" 6 Copies Independent to Jan 1855	18 00
"	" New Englander for 2 years	4 00
		4370 08

1854 A. Metcalf Cont.d

April 11	By draft in favor of A. Barrett	200	00
"	" Cash Pd Miss Ro Dean, for Mary Dean,	25	00
May 16	" draft favor of Geo. Holt	500	00
	" Freight, cartage & c. 2,48, Customs 70c	3	18
	" Arrearages for Child's Paper	14	13
June 19	" Draft in favor of P. M. Way	650	00
	" Box cover & clearance 76c Freight on goods for Way 12,40	13	16
Aug 8	" Draft in favor of A. Barrett $800,	800	00
14	" " " " for Richardson & Olds expenses	500	00
"	" Draft favor of A D Olds for money rec.d by G. Sp.r for M Dean	45	00
"	" " Aug 11th favor of A. M. Richardson	110	23
	" P. M. Way's draft of July 24th	29	50
Sept.	" Receipts from schools & congregations, for the year	544	91
Oct	" Weekly Tribune 10. Box, Porterage & 1,30	11	30
Nov	" Maria Hicks traveling expenses, in America	30	00
Dec.	" Invoice of goods per Schooner Metis	89	49
	" Amer. Sch Soc. bill 13, Box, 44c	13	44
	" A. M. Richardson. draft of Nov 22	40	00
	" Thadeus Hoppin, Paper 63c Coffin's bill - cash 12.50		
	" " Paper 4,75 Campbell's bill ~~[illegible]~~ passage 40,	57	88
	" A. D. Olds, Draft in Oct for Salary	112	50
	" Fowler & Wells. Water Cure Journal	2	50
	" A. M. Richardson's draft of Dec 17	112	50
		3894	72
	Brot forward	4370	08
		8264	80
	Whole Amt Dr	7929	12
	Balance due A. M. Acc.t	335	68

A. M. ARCHIVES
NO. A-2313
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Jamaica

Geo. Whipple January 1st 1855

My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 10th December pr. Mr. Hopkins was received by Mrs. B. during a temporary absence from Kingston. I was sorry that I was not here to welcome the brother and to aid him in getting his things through the Customs. Before my return Mr. Wolcott had been down, and done the needful and the Bro. had gone to the mountains.

Since my last letter to you I have entered into an arrangement with a person here who conducted the school at this station very satisfactorily some years ago. He is an excellent workman in the Cabinet line and is willing to undertake to teach 4 hours pr. day 5 days in the week and to try the Industrial plan, hoping to make up

in that way a sum, which with £20. that I have promised to pay him, will give him a support. I am not sanguine as to the result, but am willing to make the trial as Providence has seemed to favor the undertaking. I cannot look for the precise kind of help that was contemplated in the suggestion thrown out to you, but if the industrial element can be brought into successful operation here in Kingston in our schools a great point will have been gained. If consistent for you to give us any aid towards the creation of a workshop on our premises or towards the £20. to be paid the master it would be very thankfully received.

Messrs. Fowlers & Wells write to say that packages of papers were sent to the Mission Rooms directed to me, for the months of July, August, and November. Only the November package has made its appearance. Have you any recollection of shipping the others — when & by what vessel?

I must beg you to have the "Independent" stopped if they expect me to pay for it. I have not received over a dozen copies this year. I should be glad to know if there is any back account against me for the "Youth's Cabinet" or "N.Y. Ev. Pt." I sent on money through F. & W. but have not received ~~any~~ any acknowledgement from the publishers of those papers.

As Bro. Olds & Richardson are both likely to return to Jamaica. I should be sorry to hear that Jamaica is not to have their labors any longer. I fear there is to be greater difficulty than ever in sustaining Missionary operations in this Island. The scarcity of pro-

Rev. J. C. Beaseley Esq. Jan 1. 1850

Parsons has made every thing
in that line very dear, and
the late revenue act of the
new Island Govt. raising all
dry goods from 4p. to 12½ p.
has already occasioned an
enormous increase in the
price of every article in that
way. The Brethren here will
no doubt have something to say
you on this subject.

ARCHIVES
N.S.
FICK

I am happy to say that the
past year, though one of trial in
many respects, has also been
a year of considerable prosperity
to our cause in Kingston. Some
very interesting cases of conversion
have occurred among the young
and from various sources our
church has been considerably
enlarged, though solely from
the poorer portion of the population.
I am feeling the need of a change
& if I can raise the means, shall
try to visit the N. S. during
the ensuing summer.

Mrs. B. joins me in wishing your-
selfy and family a happy New year.

Yours truly,
J. C. Beaseley

Rev. S. S. Wolcott
Richmond R. I.
Jan 1. 1865

BEAU VIVU ASSOCIATES

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2814
FISK UNIV.

Richmond 1st Jan. 1855

Rev G. Whipple.

Dear Brother,

As it is a rainy day, perhaps I cannot do better than to devote it partly to writing. Let me first wish you a "happy New Year". I wrote Mr. Jappan from Kingston last week; and if the vessel then about to sail delays a little this may reach you in company with that. Mrs. Hoppin arrived safely on Frid. the 22d ult. She is now here — expects to open school at Oberlin immediately. Bro. Moffat has made up his mind to take the first opportunity for New York. Mrs. Mo. is poorly. She seemed to improve for a few weeks with us at first, but is now worse again. Bro. Wills will take Mt. Patience school for the present. Belgar is in charge of Lewis Henry, one of our scholars, a young black man. We were to have had a gathering of some of the Mission here today to keep New Year & congratulate on our success in securing the Estate. This is an ~~new~~ era in our history. I fear the rains will make the day less joyous to us than we anticipated — it will be less social at least. I this day take possession of Richmond as proprietor. The money $500, is to be paid as soon as a Solicitor can make out the Deed — say next week. I expect my naturalization

papers this week, constituting me a lawful British subject. I was much surprised to learn that important letters from me concerning the Estate had not been received. They were mailed & I think they must have been detained in the postoffice in Kingston. They may reach you at some time. In my letter to Mr. Sappan I have spoken somewhat at length about our plans — the Estate &c. — I have had the curiosity to take hastily the dimensions of some of our buildings — as follows — 1st Sugar Mill stone-building, two stories high — about 30 ft square. 2d — Boiling-house. 70 by 30 ft. one story — 3d — Draining house 50 by 30 ft. two stories — The boiling & draining houses are joined in form of a T. — 4th Still house 86 by 30 ft — one half of it two stories — This building is convertible into school & chapel purposes — All these are of stone. of the most substantial structure the roofs only (of shingles) subject to decay.
One tolerably good dwelling of wood — another of less value well adapted for temporary school purposes with two spare bedrooms — the old Mansion house a lumbery affair too much dilapidated to be worthy of much repair — altogether I judge these buildings, wood ones, to be worth at least £200. —

Company calls & I must stop here for today

Kingston Jan 3d — 1855

As a vessel leaves for N.Y. tomorrow I can add here but few words, & that on business

This is to go with mine to Mr. Jaspar

I wrote Mr J. in Dec. notifying him of a draft on him of Dec. 5th for $800 favor of Rev. P. M. Way. This draft Mr. Way has loaned me for the purchase of Richmond, and I have canceled this draft & instead of it, have this day drawn on Mr. J — favor of Davidson Colthurst & Co. for $500 — and shall draw soon for the balance $300 — this is draft to pay salaries of present quarter. Br. Richardson says the Ex. Com. have authorized something for repairs, and tho I have no official authority to draw therefor perhaps I may add $200 to the above balance of $300 when I draw — the brethren advise thus.

More by bro. Moffat who expects to sail very soon

In haste Yours
Seth J. Roberts

Sorry I have not time for more

P.S. The $800. draft is defaced & will never appear

S. J. R.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCH.
NO. FI-2315
FISK UNIV.

Kingston Jm January 1855

Lewis Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn on you to the order of Messrs Davidson, Coltrist & Co at fifteen days sight, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars on behalf of the Jamaica Mission

Please honor the same with your accustomed favor and oblige -

Yours Truly

Seth T. Wolcott

In behalf of Jam. Miss.

S. T. Wolcott advice of a dft
$500. 5 Jan/53

Have written to Lombard &c
Pd. Int & exp -
Secure receipts & [illegible]

Devon Tappan &c -
Newark
Ann Mary Raven
New York

Mrs M. J. Cascomb
Jan 7/55.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2316
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin, Jan. 5, /55.

Dear Br. Whipple,

Mrs. Hudson called on me yesterday. She said no word had been rec'd from you about Miss Upson, since your letter of enquiry some weeks ago. That letter Mrs. H. intended to answer, but as she was exceedingly busy, & not well, she did not reply to it — supposing nothing was really needed from her, if she had no unfavorable information to communicate. She thinks highly of Miss U. Says she has a great deal of patience with her children,

She was highly estimated also by Mrs. Parnele's family, where she lived as housekeeper several years.

Mrs. Hudson suggested, that I should write you, giving my favorable impressions of Miss Upson. I think she might be a very useful member of your Mission at Jamaica.

Will you please say to Mr L. Lappan, that a bill at the Millinery of 5/6 has been sent me against Miss Ellen Bates, since I sent him her bill. Should you be writing me this winter, the above amount in postage stamps might be enclosed.

My health is improving. Much love to Alice & the children!

Truly yours M. P. Dascomb.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2317
FISK UNIV.

Lenox Ohio Jan 8th 1855

Rev. Geo. Whipple.

My Dear Brother- Since I wrote you last week, I have rec'd letters from Jamaica, via New Orleans, bearing date as late as Dec 6th.- Under date of Nov 15th, Br Moffat writes from Richmond, whither he & Mrs M- had retired for their health- "We have now been here one week, & we entertain some hope, that we shall so far recover by Christmas, that it will not be necessary to incur the expense of a voyage to America, at present-"

Respecting the church at Brainerd ~~he writes~~ briefly, ~~refers me, for particulars, to a previous letter not yet rec'd~~ He says "Three new members were rec'd to the church last Sabbath- Br Thompson broke bread for us- It was an interesting & very profitable occasion- The pulpit has been pretty well supplied since last I wrote you- Br Way is expected next Sabbath-" He then mentions the death of two female members, one of whom was the wife of a former deacon- Her husband died suddenly, nearly two years since, leaving her with the care of a family of six children, who are now left orphans, ~~at intervals~~ The eldest, ~~is~~ a young woman, about 18- was hopefully converted & joined the church the Sab- before I left. It is to her he refers in the closing sentance quoted below-

"In the death of Mrs Phillips, the church have lost a valuable member- But our loss, is her unspeakable gain- She died in peace- For her children's sake, she would gladly have stayed, yet she gave them up into the hands of our covenant keeping God- I was not able to converse much with her, but her mind was evidently in a state of cheerful acquiescence in

the Divine will- O that the spirit of those pious parents might rest upon their orphan children. I am glad to see Mr- pursuing her way so humbly & consistently."

Nearly three weeks later, Mrs Thompson writes, respecting Mr & Mrs Moffat, "They are both improving quite as fast as could be expected, & I believe Br M- expects to go on with his school after Christmas. Little Mr- (Br Wolcott's eldest son) has been very sick with inflamation of the bowels. We hope he is now out of danger, altho' he is still quite poorly- the rest of the Mission are enjoying usual health. The Cholera has appeared again, in some localities, in this & adjacent Parishes- Mrs Mr-- one of our members- died very suddenly a few weeks ago- she lived quite near us. a woman at Rock River has also died with it."

I do not think it probable, that the disease will prevail, as an epidemic, again this winter. The Island has scarcely been free from sporadic cases, since it first made its appearance. No mail had been rec'd by the Mission since we left, save a note from Br Olds, written in New York, last Sept:

Of course their patience had been severely tried, & (I should judge by their writing,) was well nigh exhausted.

In regard to Br Moffat resuming the charge of Mt Patience school, at present, I must say, that I consider the experiment a very hazardous one, unless he can have efficient aid. I do not believe he can, or ought to sustain the burden of so large a school, without some one to share the responsibility & labor. Trust the Com will send out assistance, just as fast as it can be obtained. I hope to receive letters giving further particulars soon.

Yours sincerely

A. M. Richardson

Rev A. M. Richardson

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2818
FISK UNIV.

Eliot Station Cannia
Jan. 10th 1888.

Dear Sir

As I have an opportunity to send direct to New York by the sister Moffat I will hasten and improve the chance to do so

I cannot realize that one year has come and gone since I left my native shore for this beautiful isle of the sea Time has flown with rapid strides and I ask myself what good have been accomplished through me to this benighted people in my labors among them the past year?

I love my work and I trust the Lord has given me a heart for it. I find it arduous and more I expected

It not only requires strength of body but a mind that never tires and patience that will endure all things

The climate agrees well with me. I felt rather fearful of the effects of the climate upon me when I left home

My health has been good ever since I have been here. I have not been obliged to out of my school a single day on account of ill health

We have all felt the effects of the cholera more or less

Our heavenly Father has spared all of our unprofitable lives though some I have been obliged to leave and go home for a rest and recruit their health.

We have none to spare and how can we give them up. The demand is for more than we can

Teaching is laborious work, and it soon wears one out. It requires such constant care and the anxiety that the children should do well. There is some influence often counteracts all that a teacher can do day school and this only four days in a week.

Lucy A. Woodcock
Jan 7 10 1855

2/18/55 During the past year I have had 82 different scholars 48 boys 34 girls most of them can read quite readily I can see that they have made considerable improvement during the year. I closed the school before Christmas I expect to commence again next week the weather has been such that the children could not get out

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I wish you would let me or Mr Wolcott know how much song outfit is to be; so I can settle with him for the past year so I may know whether I can be risk or not

Yours in haste L. A. Woodcock

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2319
FISK UNIV.

Richmond Jan 12 1855

Dear Brother Whipple

Your kind letter did bring truly sad news in the death of Br Harnet I deeply sympathize with the bereaved family who sustains so great loss May God be a father to his fatherless children

I propose to take a rest from teaching say till April & make myself useful in other employments My two years work at Chesterfield & four months at Providence has nearly used me up Br Walcott says he has written to you about it.

You refer to Mrs Hyde I knew her to be a woman of strong feeling & fully believe she suffered all that a woman is capable of suffering from an estranged & profligate husband whom she idolized & I dont think she ever for a moment believed with Dr H in his erroneous religious sentiments though she often advocated them to me Yet I never saw any thing in her life while here that evidenced to me that she was a christian. I could fill a sheet with reasons for my opinion but forbear. She can write a beautiful letter, diary &c. & is capable of imposing as much deceit on the public as any person I know

You speak of her "outraged nature refusing to die" This with some sentenses she has written in letters to persons here, seems to my mind an insult to High Heaven I write this as my honest opinion & not thro' malice. If you possibly could believe with you it certainly would be a very great pleasure to me & while I am willing

you should enjoy your opinion I hope she has been or will be converted to a gospel of truth & not deceit & falsehood Miss Hunt was boasting of the shoes she had made on the sabbath after her return — by their fruits ye shall know them. I am trying to forget these past scenes & the actors knowing that all will be set right in our minds one day Excuse the above & I will introduce a pleasanter theme

Your complimenting is very agreeable but you are mistaken in my composition if you suppose any part of it could be fashioned either into the word vain or vane Soap bubbles are beautiful things & I delight to this day to amuse the children with them but more substantial toys last longer, so just praise speeds further than mere flattery "She hath done what she could" is the highest compliment & all below it should fail to meet our aspirations. Please accept for yourself & tender to the other members of the Ex Committee my sincere thanks for the beautiful & valued present (variety) brought by Br Hopkins. I will do as you wish concerning it if it gets out of repair

"How do you succeed in cultivating the hearts of your pupils" I dont know how to answer this question. The facts are these, I devote one hour each day in school to bible & religious instruction besides taking particular pains to impress on their minds the moral lessons in their readers or testament

as the case may be I have a class of 80 who can repeat bible verses for an hour is just as they can speak & those concerning the most practical truth I try to make them understand the nature of spirit & that their souls must live forever - the nature of sin &c but the holy Spirit alone can make them feel it. I endeavor to be instant in season & out of season in sowing the seed the word of God & leave the result with him. But how can we expect to save the lambs when they are let loose among the wolves. There are but eight of my pupils members of the church tho' many others are seriously disposed & might be gathered into the flock if their home influences were what they should be. Pray that these children may be saved from the snares that beset them & their names written in the Lambs book of life. How shall we save these children is a theme I could spend the day & the night in talking about were you here. Do let me entreat you once more come & make a visit here & see what I see

I wrote you last summer some time to send $10 to my mother, & you say nothing about it & sister does not speak of receiving any

Mother is a very old lady & almost helpless & sister has nothing only what she works very hard for, & she writes too that her health is not very good & I feel it my duty to send enough to support mother. I shall be greatly obliged

to you if you will send her 25 dollars out of my salary on receipt of this.

I would gladly fill out this & another sheet but the ship wont wait for me to say more

Please say to Brother Tappan I will try to send him a sheet next mail.

With kind regards to yourself & all the Com-
I am your unworthy missionary
Mary Dean

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
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P.S. Did you ever hear of the shield which was gold one side & silver the other when I see the gold side I will tell you. At the time I wrote you about Dr Hyde I said nothing about Mrs H because I thought if he left she would of course. I felt & still believe that God called me to oppose him & I feel it is much my duty now to oppose her for she very piously or rather impiously speaks of being a missionary in Jamaica again! There are others now in the mission who have opposed me exceedingly much & took strong sides with the Hydes, yet I had no doubt then or now, as to their christian character. Yourself opposed me yet in such a way I never had a thought that you were not a christian. Mrs Wolcott still believes Mrs Hyde to be a good woman & I think Mrs Wolcott a very good woman & know she labors every day to do good to the poor. It is those who oppose Christ & not me I contend with

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2320
FISK UNIV.

Jan 13th 1855
Carlton Illinois Co Mo.

L Tappan Esq

My dear Brother

Yours of the 3d inst was received nearly a week since and would have been replied to sooner, but I have been afflicted with inflamed eyes so that I have not been able to write but a short time each day

I thank you for your kind letter with its many good suggestions and friendly warnings. Many of them are points that I have thought of with much feeling. I have seen that there have been dangers around me, and have been led to pray.

"Guide me O thou great Jehovah."

And I hope I have been enabled to plead the promise "My grace shall be sufficient for thee"

You may suggest that I had no right to such a promise whilst exposing myself to

temptation. But this question I apprehend must turn upon the answer given to another viz whether I was in the line of duty when I consented to receive any interest in the discovered mines. But this question I do not now design to discuss.

My prayer has been & now is if God's name cannot be honored by my having wealth that let me not secure it. I have tried to sift my motives in this respect. I confess that I have sometimes feared the power of temptation But at the same time I have felt that if my eye is single grace shall be given me equal to my day. I trust I can cast all this on the Lord, not with a spirit of presumption but in a spirit of filial trust

You speak of "air castles and day dreams". If I have had such it has been in reference to what I would do for the advancement of the cause of Christ & humanity. When I have thought of this perishing world I have sometimes almost cursed wealth. While I have been trying to raise a pittance

for the purchase of Richmond Estate and the establishment of an Industrial school there. I have often thought that if I had wealth at my command it should fully go for that object. And sometimes I have almost fancied myself able to afford the needful aid. But Alas, it was a "day dream".

Your reference to the Apostle Paul is on the whole happy & forcible. And yet in some respects it appears from that your view is faulty. Paul determined to know nothing among his brethren "but Jesus Christ and him crucified". Or in other words the great end of his life was, the glory of God in the salvation of a world. And whatever this required he was ready to do whether it was by preaching the gospel, or by travelling from land to land; or by laboring with his hands in making tents. Paul was just as religious in making tents as in preaching Christ. although he did it for a "pecuniary advantage"

Now suppose that Paul had in his tents found a copper rock that had

were before been discovered. And that by virtue of his discovery a portion of it belonged to him. Would it be right for him to sell out his interest and divert the proceeds to the relief of the poor saints at Jerusalem, to the furtherance of the cause of Christ in general? And would it be right for him to use as much as he needed for the supply of his own wants, to relieve him as much as possible from the necessity of pursuing the tent making business for his support? Or could the brethren of other churches who had been giving of their substance to support in part the Apostle, put in a claim & say we cannot trust our bro Paul to dispose of the wealth he has found? For we think his "time & skill" belong to us as the agent of the Redeemer?" What would Paul, what would any God-fearing man say to such a claim? I am sure my dear Bro that you take the same view of this that I do. In your earnest zeal did you look at the whole question? It appears to me you did not. Pardon me if it is not so.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2321
FISK UNIV.

In my former letter I protested against your use of the phrase "speculation in mining stock" as applicable to myself. I see in the letter before me the above expression or its equivalent still used. Now my brother the softest word I can use in reference to this is, it is uncandid. You seem to be desirous of wounding my feelings by the opprobriousness of a name, without regard to the question whether or not it belongs to me. I have neither bought nor sold. I have traded in no mining shares. I regret that I am under the necessity of referring to this a second time.

On page 3 you quote from me as follows. "For you seem to think that for a missionary to have any connection with a copper mining Co must be sin per se" without taking into account how he came by it or how he designs to use it unless he holds it for the A.M.A." In reply you say "I have said no such thing." Mark I did not say you said so: but that you seemed

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to think so: that is, what I have said is a fair inference from what you have said. And is it not so? What do you say? "Then I a missionary I should feel that I could not do so (have any interest in a Mining Co) my time & skill & c would belong to the A.M.A. as the Agent of the Redeemer. I do not mean to say that the missionary could not promote the temporal welfare of the people who wound the land on which Copper is supposed to be or so that a portion of the profits if any should be secured to the A.M.A." Then you a missionary, why could you not do so unless you could so that a portion of the profits if any should be secured to the A.M.A.? Why to me the inference is a fair one (or was before you said to the contrary) that you regarded such a course as sinful and therefore could not do it. I ask is not this the seeming meaning of your language? May more is it not its real import?

Again you quote from me. "You seem to think your missionaries cannot secure or hold property for any other cause than the advancement of the A.M.A." In reply you say "I have not said any thing of the kind." I confess I am greatly surprised at this. Have you not said that when you a missionary you should consider that your time & skill would belong to the A.M.A.? And further that you should "see that a portion of the profits if any should be secured to the A.M.A.?" What is this but saying that your missionaries are agents of the A.M.A. That their time & skill belong to the A.M.A. And that if any one of them were to stumble on a mine of wealth they as agents must secure their portion of the profits to the A.M.A.? If this is not a fair construction of your language, I confess my dear brother that I am not able to see it.

Again you quote "As if it were a

cium for him to think of the future comfort of his wife and children &c &c. Your only reply is "You must words hurt dear Bro I have not intended any thing of the kind." My dear Brother do bear with me while I ask you to consider this for a moment. How may the missionary innocently have any regard for the future comfort of his wife and children in case of his death? His salary is barely sufficient to give him a plain support with the closest economy It is the wonder of Englishmen how we can live on so little. If I have at all understood you, your position is this viz if God by his providence (for such is the question at issue) leads him to a mine of wealth, and as directly puts it into his hands as he could do in the case above supposed in reference to Saul, that even here he is bound to give the profits if any to the A.M.A. Your position is that he is under a moral obligation to do so. To violate this obligation

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is in according to all of my ideas of obligation. How may he have an eye to the future comfort of his wife & children if he may not when such a providence throws wealth into his hands? To my mind your position in reference to this subject would cut him off from any source of income, unless it be by bequest or inheritance. And I see no good reason why if the one is included the other should be exempt.

You speak of your own position as President of the A.M.A. I have ever regarded, and do still regard the disinterestedness of your course as eminently a christian course. I am sure you find your reward in an approving conscience and the smiles of Heaven.

But if your whole worldly substance could be purchased at a fair valuation for from $600. to $800. as is time of your Siam missionaries I doubt not that you would feel bound to pursue a different course.

And especially would this be true if you had a growing family of children around you. What may be your duty and privilege now would not be your duty under different circumstances.

In your reply to my inquiry what ought a missionary to do with wealth providentially thrown into his hands, you so fully express my views and feelings that I almost believe we do not differ at all. You say "he should consider what are the rights of the people on whose land the property was found." This I trust has been done.

"Next what appropriations could be made to promote the educational, the temporal & spiritual good of the people among whom he was laboring what example he could set them of using the world as not abusing it. And of consecrating the means given by Providence on missionary ground to the furtherance of the missionary cause."

I could scarcely have penned my own ideas better. I had hoped we this to have done something for a Normal school at Richmond

for the training of our teachers for Jamaica. I left a school in my field of labor for the support of which I was alone responsible aside from that raised among the people. I brought home at my own charges one of our teachers who thought an excellent missionary needed other advantages than any she had hitherto enjoyed to make her as efficient as she might be. It is our design to have her remain at Oberlin two years when she hopes to return again to her field of labor in Jam. I have recently feared that I shall not be able much longer to support her at O. unless the pressure in the money market is soon less severe. Should my apprehensions be realized would the A.M.A. guide that support for a season to an excellent girl who wishes to return to Jam as a teacher? I also brought home another girl 16 years of age who was hopefully converted a short time before we left the Island whom we hope to educate for some field of

of usefulness.

This is a department of my life that I do not care to speak with a trumpet tongue, but then seemed to me to be an occasion to say thus much.

If I know my own heart (and I then tried to understand it) it is my purpose to serve God with my life & with whatever he places in my hand as his steward. In addition to what you have suggested above as the appropriate use of wealth, I have thought of the education of pious youth who were willing to devote themselves to the work of a worlds conversion.

I know that he who has wealth needs grace, great grace to enable him to overcome the temptations that are incident to the possession of wealth. And I know that in Christ there is grace for such a "time of need."

In conclusion I would say I think it is well that we have had this

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exchange of thought. We understand each other the better for it. I wouldent wondr if I waxed too warm in my other letter. Perhaps I was not as respectful as I should have been. Phrenologists always shrink with horror when they place their fingers upon my bump of veneration should be. My dear Brother if I have grieved you I ask your pardon.

You can see now perhaps more clearly than before how I understood your first letter. As I then understood it (and from the language of the letter I now see no reason for understanding it differently) I confess your position seemed a startling one;- It seemed to me to be entirely unfounded in the nature of things. "Ridiculous" however was not a pretty word for me to use. Can you not expunge it from your mind?

You will see that in this letter I have used great frankness:- for I know not

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how to discuss so grave a question without
plainness of speech. [and truly, Jan 23. [illegible]] [and wrongfully, Jan 31] But I see nothing that
I think a generous mind, & much less a xn
heart would find fault with.

This is not intended as a declaration of war

You ask if any considerable number of the
colored people of Sam own land? In some portion
of the Island there is a large percentage, perhaps
½ of the people own land - more or less - generally
from ½ acre to 4 acres. ~~And~~ This is especially
true in the district of our mission. At Brainerd
station a very large portion of the people own
lands. Steps were then taken at an early
day by the purchase of estates & selling to
the people to put them in possession of land.
But I think I am safe in saying that
not one man in six among the Emancipated
people but depends mainly on renting land
in carrying on his cultivation.

Believe me my dear Brother
In xn love
Yours
A. D. Olds

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Kingston 16th Jan. 1855

Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir.

I am reminded by past failures in the mails that it may not be safe to trust them implicitly, & I propose to run the risk of a second infliction on you of nearly the same sort. The Schooner John Clark is here & Mr. Aswell, her Capt. - formerly mate of the London which brot our company a year ago - kindly offers to take any mail or other small packages to New York for us, & to bring the like from you to us on his return trip - Please bear this in mind. Brot Mrs. Moffatt are here, and hoped to have sailed by the J. Clark, but the accommodations are not suitable. We expect other opportunities soon. I wrote you about the last of Dec. at the same time drawing for the $500 - you loaned us for Richmond. Dr. Mills also drew for $500 - which he has loaned to me. Of the draft of Dec. 5th favor of P. M. Way - I drew a part $500 - favor of Davidson Colthurst & Co - Jan. 5th notifying you of the same, & also that I should soon draw for the balance $300 - I have this day drawn to the order of George Holt, thirty days from sight, for $500 - increasing the original $200 - The original draft to Mr. Way for $800 - I have destroyed - having purchased it of him, to help out with Richmond, and drawn it in lieus & to order for parties as above These drafts are for quarter salaries commencing with 1st Dec. I would send you my a/c if the Memoranda were at hand - I can only approximate to it now, not recollecting any of small bal. on former gen but say some $35 or $40 or less owing in my favor

The Amt for Salaries from Dec. to march, + $33,34 bal. on rents in Town to 1st Jan was $847,09 – increased by arrival of Br. Hoppin, cashier, say $50 – more or less – = $897,09 + the former balance ——

Miss Dean also desires me to draw for her, as per advice from you for $20 + $25 = $45 – (The former $45 – drawn for, was a sum entirely separate from this, as Miss D. will probably explain) It was with much reluctance that I consented to make my last draft $500 – But you will perceive that I have not much over drawn after all. The brethren urgently recommend what has been done in this, especially as Br. Richardson informs me that the Ex. Com. had granted an appr^n for repairs, of which I have not been officially advised I may say that Br. Hills & myself have paid the mission, for building purposes, an advance of over $200. I do not notice these things for the sake of an apology, or to justify myself for an overdraft – The truth is the mission must have Richmond – To meet the payment in time we have all drawn to the utmost on our available resources – Hence I have made my last bill on you a little larger than I would. I am now in town, & all the money in hand, to pay for the Estate & receive title I have got my naturalization papers – and the Deed is being prepared. The Richmond School was opened on monday – we commence on a small, & selfsupporting scale, but expect in due time to grow 'bigger' –

I have already written enough, but lest you may fail to receive I will here speak farther about our Estate I sent Br. Whipple a week or two since an unfinished letter which I was obliged to dispatch in haste or miss the opportunity, and to which please refer – Let me give you as briefly as possible a sumary of our history in this matter ——

1st I have entertained for years the idea of a large, family industrial School - (Only waiting the opportunity to establish one) Also the idea of purchasing Estates when they should come into market (as I have long foreseen they must) and making the people small freeholders - There is, & will be a wide difference in the character of our freeholders and the Estate people - with the former, are families & homes, with the latter neither - they merely comprise human herds.
2d When Mrs Carpenter was with us She proposed to purchase a property & while Mr. C. should occupy it in carrying out his business purposes, She would devote herself to teaching on the plan of a family school similar to our idea - We were all looking about for such a property as would suit Mrs. C. We fell on Richmond - or rather it fell upon us. Br. H. T. & myself with Mrs. C. took a survey of the property - all were well pleased - We said to Mrs. C. This must be ours - Will you be responsible for the purchase or Shall we? Mrs. C. chose the responsibility. It was then a matter of doubt with her whether She would be able to occupy it - at any rate, She would raise the purchase money. She proposed to select me as her attorney and go herself immediately to N. York & forward me the money by 1st Aug. A written proposition was at once prepared in my name and accepted by the proprietors - Hence my first urgent appeal (in May) to Br. Whipple, for aid in case of Mrs. C's failure to do what She proposed - of which I thot I had reason to entertain serious doubts - You are aware of the sequel -
It was soon manifest that I must go to Richmond. There were seen the largest facilities for establishing my family school

3d The mission had long been trying to get into operation a high or normal School - but there were still great obstacles in our way - By securing Richmond we could readily unite, & at comparatively small expense, both my plan & that of the mission: and commence also, that most desirable object - settling the people — Therefore

4th We propose a model village or settlement — a model farm - a model School —

We shall be known as (?) say Richmond Industrial & Normal School — Wont that be great but modest? —

The children & youth, members of our family - or of the family of our successors are to sustain the same practical relation to us as that of adopted children — Hence we are responsible for their support - & education. We shall not demand - nor shall we refuse any friendly donations such as from the Ladies Sewing Societies - books for the School - or for our library, already begun, or from any friendly hand - (It strikes me that in a place like N.Y. there must be many books lost & read, and laid aside which might adorn & give value to our library and which the owners would cheerfully send to our care if they were aware of our existence & our wish.)

The children of the families that may settle around us will enjoy the privileges of the school by paying a nominal fee. The members of the Normal department will be furnished the means of supporting themselves all or in part by their labor. Our fine Water Power will add mechanical to our agricultural labor — I want at once $100. worth of machinery, but I must wait, for I am not able to order them at present. — I am glad to know that you are interesting yourself in our enterprise - God has given you power to interest others also.

5th You ask, at what periods the money will be required - The Estate is paid for - this is my position - viz. All legal & executive responsibility rests on me; as much as tho no one but myself was concerned in the matter. I have borrowed the money & given my notes for it - some $1000 payable in three months - $500 in twelve months & the remainder as convenient — I have replied in a preceding long letter to your several questions - also to Bro. Whipple - There I hope you will have received before you get this —

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Lewis Tappan Esq. Treasurer of the A. M. A. will pay, on sight, to the order of Schifflin Bro's & Co. the amount charged for a bill of medicines, ordered by me January 16. 1866 and oblige

P. M. Way

P. M. Way Order

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brethren B. & C. have probably supplied you al[illegible] most of the facts you will require. But I suppose the [illegible] — the working out of our enterprise, is not very fully developed [illegible] any other mind but my own — as one viewing in general a [illegible] of mechanism can pronounce it good — while none but the mechanic is familiar with all its parts.

Suffer a suggestion, as an illustration, or, perhaps, better, an [illegible] of some of my ideas — You have nobly raised a $50,000 fund — [illegible] another of $100,000 — for western Church-building — well [illegible] Raise us a fund of $10,000 & we will endow Richmond S[illegible] We will make our people freeholders — multiply & ma[illegible] Chapels & Schools, and — not spend our money — but [illegible] an invested & permanent fund — i.e. if our experiment [illegible] cessful — if the people will accept the good we offer them — [illegible] events we will not spend our money beyond its recovery. With $3000 — we think we can do considerable (I mean with [illegible] of it) with $10,000 we could do much more, with $20,000 [illegible]

Jan. 19th I have just been to Spanishtown & back [illegible] business about my title — The matter is now all settled [illegible] to pay over the cash & take the Deed, to be signed acknow[illegible] &c tomorrow morning. Capt. Revell, of J. Clark has jus[illegible] saying he has made arrangements to take Mr. & Mrs Moffat; [illegible] now is Jewish Sabbath I must go out at once & secure [illegible] for their passage — Price $40 each — Fried eve — I have [illegible] the passage money in American Gold $80 — I have paid Mr. [illegible] Salary to 1st March. He pays me the passage money as above [illegible] the Committee should pay his passage, that is to be settled [illegible] side of the water. We deeply regret to lose Br & Sis Mr —

We hope however that we are willing to yield th
to the will of our heavenly father - He will do all
things well, tho the manner of it may not suitable to us -
May we have grace to continue doing while we rest in
faith — Bro. Way has offered £1100 for Golden Spring
Sugar Plantation 10 miles from Kingston directly on our
road to the mountains - 1100 acres - The proprietor has
been asking, I understand, some £3000 - very anxious
to sell - No time now to particularize. Bro. Moffat will no
doubt prove a source of inquiry to you, of value ——

It is near 11 O.C. at night & I have other persons
to write, and will here say "Good Night"

Affect'y & Truly Yours
Seth. J. Wolcott

P.S. If you desire it, I will try to send you
copy of my Deed - & also of Naturalization papers
S. J. W.

Jan 16/56
Ans'd Newton
March 8/55
answered

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Confidential

Geo. Jeffson

What is become of Mrs. Carpenter? I am ready to use the $10,000 she was sure she could raise for me. What do you think of her?

I "Guess" she is more visionary than real – More disposition to project than power to execute. Is this a good guess? – Really I should like to hear from her.

Wolcott

P.S. Please excuse me to Mr. Whipple for not writing him at this time.

W.

Rev. S. T. Wolcott
say Jan. 17/55
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L. Pappan Esq

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My Dear Brother- In your favor of Jan 4th, you spoke of having written more fully to Bro Olds on the 3d, respecting the subject matter of that letter, & added that you had requested him to forward the same to me. She did forward yours of Dec 24, & I have been waiting to recieve the subsequent one, before replying to you- This is my apology for having so long delayed writing to you-

I recd a letter from Bro O. on Sat- she omitted to enclose yours of the 3d inst, but acknowledges its reciept, & refers briefly to its contents & also his reply to the same- She regrets certain hasty expressions he had dropped- seems much better satisfied with your last letter, & expresses his confidence that his reply will also prove satisfactory to you- I sincerely hope it may-

It seems due to you, however, that I should notice some points contained in the letters above referred to-

1- You complain of our keeping back facts that should have been communicated, respecting Richmond- I plead "not guilty!" Briefly in my "School Report" forwarded to Bro Whipple from Chicago, the middle of last Sept- I devoted a whole page to this very subject: I stated the facts briefly, noticing the size &c, of the Estate- that Bro W-t, with the unanimous approval of the Division, had negotiated for its purchase & appealed to the Chs for aid, saying that "we had no way of raising the necessary funds in Jan- save by borrowing money at a high rate of interest- But we have put our hands to the work, & shall not look back! The funds must & shall be raised! Who will aid us?" I closed by requesting donations to be sent to you & inquiries relative to the subject addressed to us-

Now, if you & the other members of the Ex-Com were not in possession of the above facts, before the Annual Meeting, Bro Whipple will know the reason why! I ~~incorporated~~ introduced the subject into that Report for the express purpose of calling attention to it. We fully expected it would have been called up at the Annual Meeting, & we called upon to explain the whole matter. But time was too precious & other matters of greater importance. Nor could I get a hearing before the Ex-Com altho' I went to New York, with the express understanding that a meeting was to be held on a given day for that purpose. It was postponed — my family were sick & suffering, & with a heavy disappointed heart, I was forced to return without having accomplished the object of my journey. I was sick & almost blind myself, & couldn't write in full. Now, to be severely blamed in the matter, grieves & distresses me. I can but regard it as unjust. Again you say "It seems the Estate had been bo't, & unless it should be paid for by Jany 18 the opportunity will be forfeited." You wonder we didn't communicate the facts &c. I was utterly ignorant of that particular fact (forfeiture Jan 18) until you mentioned it in your letter! At the time we left, Br Wolcott did expect to loan the money there, until it could be raised here. And it was not until about the 1st of Dec, that we learned he had failed in an effort to do so. Now, he did not communicate to you or us sooner, for the simply reason that he couldn't! If the Ex-Com would authorise the Mission to charter a Steamer to convey intelligence, then might a better understanding of our affairs be bro't about. I am sorry for the delay. I regret the misunderstanding. But I have never (to my knowledge) withheld any information that I tho't important to a right understanding of the matter. I should have exerted myself personally to raise the

funds, had duty to my family allowed of my absence from home. But there has not been a single week since we came here, in which my wife could have been left with the entire care of the family on her hands, without serious detriment to her health. We have felt able to hire help at home & yet afford myself have an appt away next Sab, however.

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You refer to a statement of yours printed in Eng. relative to the nbr of colored proprietors in Jam. & ask for further information. I don't remember to have seen any statement, while on the Isn on this point. Bigelow (whose book by the way is full of inaccuracies) says they nbr 100,000, & the average size of their properties is about 8 acres. However this may be, it is a fact, that, in most of the localities, contiguous to our Mission Stations, the larger portion of the people are forced to rent land at a high rate, or work out at day-labor. It is also a fact, that large numbers are anxious to purchase, & eagerly embrace every favorable opportunity. Bro Gray bought 100 acres, or thereabouts, last year, & sold it out readily so as to realise a handsome profit, & at the same time furnish it to the people at a less price than they could get it elsewhere. Indeed opportunities rarely occur for purchasing land in small quantities. The proprietors will not divide up their estates in this way, & besides it is their policy to prevent, as far as possible, the negroes, from becoming voters. They wish to keep the Legislative power in their own hands. Only think of a pop. of 350,000 & only 3000 voters! The nbr may be greater since a Responsible Govmt has been introduced. If so, I am not aware of the fact. There was a Property clause in the old law, requiring a man (in order to be a voter) either to possess 1st Property worth £10 a year, or 2d a Rental of £50, or 3d the payment of £10 per annum in taxes. That there is a demand for land, among the colored people, no person, at all acquainted with the facts, will for a moment deny

again. You express your surprise at remark, in my previous letter, respecting the probable influence of mining operations on the Jam. Mission. I infer that you construed that remark to amount to an utter denial of all participation in that business, for their own advantage. I certainly intended to convey no such impression. You had expressed your strong fears, that if such were the case, the mission was well nigh ruined. My reply was intended to be this, in substance. That I hoped Bro Olds would be able to satisfy you, that the missionaries (as a body) had not entered into the business, or been connected with it, in any such way or from any such motives, as would be calculated to compromise their Christian character or destroy confidence in them as men of sound judgment & sterling integrity. I believe that I could satisfy any candid mind on this point, if allowed an opportunity to do it really. The story is a long one, & I shall not undertake to write its full history. I have always been ready & am still, to go before the Ex-Com & make a full statement of the matter from beginning to end. Nor do I suppose, that all the Com will be satisfied without it. If they think it a matter of sufficient importance to pay our travelling expenses, we (Bro Oldham & myself or either of us) will come to Kingston as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements to do so. I have written Bro O. that I think this will be the best (& perhaps only) way to get the affairs of the Mission satisfactorily adjusted. I feel deeply that at present, there is such a want of sympathy & harmony & christian confidence, between the Ex-Com & the members of the Mission, that its energies are crippled, & its very existence & continuance seriously endangered. And yet, I believe (setting self aside) that the Soc. has not under its patronage, a more faithful, zealous & hard working set of laborers, or a mission that promises to be more fruitful in good results, than this same Jam. Mission! I saying this, I utter no words of empty praise. I speak what I do know, & testify to what I have seen! May God bless them ever, & forgive their imperfections! And may the abundant wisdom & grace to the dear Brethren of the Com & richly bless & reward all your labors! Please confer with the Brethren & let me know the result. I shall write Bro Whipple (D.V.) again in a few days. I remain as ever sincerely & faithfully yours

A. McRichardson

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L. Pepper Esqr

My Dear Brother. Your letter of Jany 31st, enclosing an extract from one written to Bro Olds Dec 19 reached me last eve. As Bro Phend is expecting to start for N. York on Tuesday, & I am anxious to forward several letters he by him, my reply must be somewhat condensed & general in its character.

The spirit of Christian kindness & faithfulness, which your reply & extract has afforded me much pleasure. I am also grateful for your expressions of confidence in the devotedness, Christian integrity &c, of the Bretn of the Jam Mission, as well as your assurances of personal attachment & regard.

I trust you will never have any just occasion for changing your views & feelings on those points. Nor do I conceive that entire harmony of views, or a perfect coincidence in judgment, is essential to yr confidence or personal friendship. We may honestly differ in views of yr doctrine & duty. each may see in others, what he regards as errors of judgment, & ~~it is conclusively his duty to point them out~~, & endeavor to convince his Bretn of their mistakes. But if they still remain unconvinced, unless there is plain proof that their sentiments are at war with the teachings of God's word, they must still be allowed the exercise of private judgment, answerable only to conscience & God, for the result.

Now while I am not disposed to vindicate all the private acts of members of the Mission, including myself, in reference to mining matters, I must give it as my "candid opinion" (even at the risk of being thot "in

error & mistake in judgment, by yourself & other dear Bretn of the Com., whose good opinion I should highly value) that the simple fact that Missionaries have invested private funds in aid of mining operations, or have given countenance & encouragement to such operations, is not certain proof of an error in judgment. I humbly conceive, it may be both wise & proper, under certain circumstances. I give it also as my "candid opinion", that it may be just as much the duty of a Missionary to secieve 'mining scrip' for the benefit of his family, as for "the A.M.A., or for the advancement of the missionary or educational cause", under certain circumstances. Neither can I agree with you, respecting the alleged impropriety of a Missionary buying land & selling it to the people, at an advance on the cost. I believe it a legitimate way of doing good & great good to the colored people, & that it can be done, without interfering with fr usefulness in other respects.

You say "This mixing up the merchant & Missionary, does not suit my views of things. Would Paul or Peter have done so?" I have yet to learn that any missionary operations have been carried on, for a great length of time, without 'this mixing up things' in different kinds of business & employments. In selling land to the people, greatly to their advantage & profit, any worse than selling medicine, Books, Stationery, or Tools for the same object? I have always understood that Bros Thompson & Pfeff at Kaw Mendi, were 'mixing up' selling goods & preaching, & I never tho't of complaining of them. I did think of complaining of the churches for not sending out some one to relieve them. The truth is, the Missionary is obliged (as things are managed) to be "jack of all trades".

he sees opportunities of doing good, & nobody else to improve them - that he should be debarred the privilege of doing good at the same time, benefitting himself or family, is perfectly unreasonable - I don't believe there's a Missionary on the face of the earth, who would consent to labor under such an interdict! Of course, he should avoid "secularising his mind - should consult the welfare of the Loc - that employs him, & scrupulously refrain from all acts that will injure the cause of Christ." But he may avoid all this, & yet be a tent-maker as Paul was, or a fisherman as Peter was - or even do something in the line of selling, Medicines, Books, Goods. Or he may build houses & chapels & cane-mills, or shoe horses, & exercise the functions of advocate & judge in settling disputes claims &c &c - for all these, & many other such like things, our Missionaries in Jam - (& elsewhere) are necessitated to do! At least, they think so! I confess, I don't like this mixing up things - But until the churches will send out men of different professions & trades, to relieve their Ministers, they must do them, or (in my estimation) prove recreant to duty - And here let me say, lest you should think my views, & those of some of my colaborers, peculiar to ourselves - that I had considerable conversation with Br Bardwell, after the Annual Meeting, on this subject, & explained to him our connection with mining operations, & reasons for so doing; & he fully endorsed my views, as thus expressed - particularly the right of the Missionary to do this for the pecuniary benefit of his dependent family. But enough of this - I did not intend to write half as much on this point. Still I am anxious to be understood - the Missionary & his employers often look at things from a different stand-point, as a minister & people are apt to do

I am not quite satisfied, I must say frankly, with the explanation given of that Report about Richmond - Br Whipple's recollection of the matter, certainly does not agree with mine - I have not the least recollection of being invited to present the Richmond matter at Meriden, neither did I request Br Olds to do it - I was asked to occupy some 15 or 20 minutes in statements respecting our missionary operations in Jamaica & requested, as a matter of courtesy, (as not one could speak & I had spoken) that Br Olds might be allowed the privilege - that, that opportunity was given, for the purpose of having the Richmond plan brought forward & discussed, I never dreamed. However, enough has been written on that subject, for the present at least, & I quite agree with you that it is best to drop it -

I am glad that you have at length heard from the Brethren in Jamaica - I am also rejoiced to learn that Br Wolcott has raised a loan sufficient to secure Richmond - It relieves us from long & anxious suspense - I am trying to secure a loan for 5 years, on the joint stock plan, for relieving the temporary loan - I can't raise the money now. It is quite out of the question - I am getting notes, from responsible men, payable 1st Jan 1868 with interest - I have secured nearly 300 Dolls, & have encouragement for as much more in a week or two - If you or other friends, can advance the money, as it is needed, I think there will be no difficulty in raising $1000 in this region in notes as above, as good as the Bank - Everybody is deeply interested in the plan - Will you not get some certificates prepared for the Stockholders, appending this proviso, that the trustees of said Estate, shall have the privilege of releasing all claims of the Stockholders, at the expiration of 5 years, by refunding the money invested, with interest, the remaining proceeds to be devoted to sustaining the school: the notes are made payable to yourself or bearer - I will keep you informed of the success of further efforts - with assurance of my regard & esteem, I remain

Fraternally Yours A. M. Richardson

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Amos B. Wells
Brainerd

Brainerd Station Jan 16th 1855.
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Revd Geo. Whipple.

Dear Brother

I have an item of business, or rather a default of business on your part (as I deem it) which I wish to lay before you & through you before the Society. I feel that it is my duty to do this not altogether because I am personally interested but because others may suffer, if I take not the responsibility of doing it myself.— What do you suppose my Brother, have been the feelings of brother Wolcott, the Society's agent, on several oc-

casions when members of this Mission have presented their accounts to him for a settlement and he has been obliged to say "I cannot settle with you now because the home Society has not informed me as to the amount of your outfit." Twice has this reply been made to me; and very much to my grief & dissatisfaction: Especially is this true as I saw the acct which brother Wolcott sent to the Society by bro Richardson in which he leaves my outfit a Blank with an interrogation point following. Brother Wolcott has asked the officers of the Society by letter the same question; but as far as we know it is still unanswered. How much longer shall it be??

It is due to me that an answer be given and equally due to bro Wolcott. The truth is, brothr Wolcott would rather give me fifty dollars out of his own pocket, for my outfit than ask the Society again how much it will allow me. I am told that some of the members of the mission have traded (while in N.Y.) ten, twenty fifty and if I mistake not an hundred dollars; these amounts being allowed as their outfit or not settled for at all. This is not right. There should be some rule to govern the Society when fitting out Missionaries. When in N.Y. I asked Brothr Whipple how much the Society would allow me for that purpose; with some difficulty I obtained a reply that I would probably receive forty dollars. My outfit

cost me over two hundred dollars and I feel that the amount given me by the Society should bear some relation to that. It bears none as yet, except that of the quoted reply of Br Whipple. I hope this matter will be speedily set right, as others are concerned as well as myself. It is hard work to live on our salaries at best. ~~The~~ During the year which I have spent under your support I have been obliged to add one hundred dollars to my salary in order to live comfortably. I mean since I arrived in Jamaica saying nothing about my outfit. This being true I feel that the society should put us to no unnecessary anxiety or trouble. —

I hope & trust that my well-intended reproof will be kindly heed as from a brother and all remissness on your part duly acknowledged.

Your affectionate brother and fellow-labor

Amos B. Wills

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2380
FISK UNIV.

New York Feb. 23rd 1855

Dear Bro. Tappan

I am requested to lay before you a few things respecting Richmond estate. Bro Mitchell has at length succeeded in getting it in his own hands. In doing this he has been obliged to borrow considerable money. He is anxious to refund this money as soon as possible & now sir if I can be of any service, I shall be happy to do what I can in collecting for this purpose.

Yours faithfully
Addison Moffat

✓ Addison Moffat
New York
Sept 25/56
Post marked 26th
and 27th

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2337
FISK UNIV.

Lane Feb 27. 1855

Dear Mr. Olds.

You request me to give you my impressions respecting Miss McStuart's qualifications for teaching & other missionary labor in Jamaica. I have visited her schools, & examined her, before she commenced teaching; & feel free to say, that I regard her as a young woman of great promise, & eminently well fitted for that field of labor.

She possesses a good share of common sense, sound judgment, & great decision of character, combined with sweetness of temper & a love for the work of teaching —

She has a peculiar faculty of gaining the confidence & affection of her pupils, & her humble unassuming piety, prompts her to seek their spiritual welfare —

I am of the opinion, that if she could enjoy the privileges of a teacher's course at Oberlin, she would make a superior teacher. Her long residence in Jamaica has made her thoroughly acquainted with the ways of the colored people & rendered her better able to endure the fatigue & exposures of labor in that climate — I trust she will be aided in her efforts to qualify herself for usefulness —

Your off Bro & fellow-laborer

J M Richardson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-223
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American Missionary Association
Account with the Jamaica Mission

1855

			Dr
Jan.	1st	To Rev. P. W. Ray. Salary to 25 Feb. on quarter	$ 125.00
"		" L. Thompson. & B. Hall $112.50 each	225.00
		" O. B. Fanning $100. S. L. Blatch $100.	200.00
		Mary Dean $50. Lucy Woodruff $45	95.00
		A. B. Mills. & Moffat each $84.37½	168.75
		Balance on annual rent in Kingston to 31st Dec.	33.34
		Money. donations rec'd by L. Lapham for trip Dean	45.00
		sale of exchange on draft of Jany 3rd & 16th	20.00
		Balance on last quarter (as per my a/c)	53.53
			965.62

			Cr
Jan.	3d	By draft. favor of Davidson, Gotthirst & Co	$ 500.00
"	16	" Do " " George Hood	500.00
		" Invoice of Goods per Schooner Pretis	89.49
			1089.49
			965.62
		Bal. due A. M. A. Soc.	$ 123.87

Quarters a/c from March 1st to May 31st (inclusive)

1855

March 5th S. P. Mc Kay Sal. 1 qr. to May 31st	$ 125.00
" " Thompson & Stall	225.00
" " Wolcott & Corning	200.00
" " Miss Dean & Miss Woodcock	95.00
" " Mills $4.38 Shoppin from Jany 1st $3.75 (22 days)	175.13
	$ 823.13
" " Appropriation for building purposes for current year	310.00
	$ 1133.13

Cr

" By balance on last quarter a/c	$ 123.87
March 6 By draft from of Davidson, Colthurst & Co	800.00

Kingston March 6th 1855

My Dear Bro. Sappington

I have made out accounts as hereinafter sent. I am in town today & have just drawn on you for $800, favor of Davidson Coffin & Co. at thirty days sight — My age prospective, or for present yr. may perhaps be a little modified —

The balance, more or less, I shall probably have occasion to draw for in a few weeks — A note from Dr. Barrett just received, says he has a charge against me for $100, Miss Hicks expenses home to New York — This is unexpected by me Probably Dr. B. can explain it. I had supposed her expenses provided for in the draft which provided for Messrs Richardson Olds & c — I am just off for home & no time for more My love to all —

Yours Truly

Seth S. Wolcott

P.S. I received bro Whipple's of Jan. 15th can not reply to him today — — —

W —

✓ Rev. S. D. Wolcott
Jamaica
March 6/55
rec'd 29th

When is there an opp'y for Jamaica?
rec'd Apl

✓ Write to Mr Richardson & Mr Olds

Note to Mr R. & to Mr O Apl 11

Wrote to Mr Wolcott 19 Apl

1. my correspt Mr R & Mr O. alone receives money here.
2. Mr Sturges offer
3. Dr Barrett has not mentioned the $100
4. Mr Belden will attend to the accounts.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2333
FISK UNIV.

$73.00 New York March 20. 1855.

Rec^d of Miss Sarah A. Upson in trust for her personal use, or in the case of her death, for the uses of the American Missionary Association three notes, described as follows.

$12.00. dated Dec. 25. 1854 ($2.00 Millard Same date) signed by Chas. P. Parmelee. Oberlin. Ohio.

$23.00. dated March 4, 1854, signed Harriet Parmelee

$40.00. March 7. 1853. by C. P. Parmelee

signed Harriet Parmelee. Oberlin Ohio.

In all Seventy three dollars

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G. Whipple's
Receipt
to
Mrs Upson
March 20/58
sent by her
to L. J.
30 July 1858

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2334
FISK UNIV.

New York, March 20, 1855.

Received of Miss Sarah A Upson in trust for her personal use, or in the case of her death, for the use of the American Missionary Association three notes discribed as follows, $12,00, dated Aug 25, 1854 ($2,00 endorsed same date) signed by Charles P. Parmelee, Oberlin, Ohio. $23,00. dated March 4, 1854, signed Harriet Parmelee $40,00, March 7, 1853. by C. P. Parmelee for Harriet Parmelee, Oberlin Ohio.

Notes sent January 57
to
H. Hale
Oberlin.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2335
FISK UNIV.

Lenox Ohio March 27th 1838

L. Sappan Esqr

My Dear Brother—

Your favor of the 22d inst,—enclosing a letter which you recd from Bro Olds; dated 13th Jan— is this day received—

I beg pardon for omitting to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Jan 3rd, in a communication intended to be a reply to the same—It was a mere inadvertence, as was also the omission of date—

I regret that the statement of my views & opinions, respecting a Missionary's duty & line of policy— given at your request— should have been so little satisfactory— I hold no views on that subject, however, which I should wish to conceal, nor any that I am unwilling to have subjected to the severest tests of candid reasoning & Bible truth—

As there is little prospect, that a more lengthened correspondence, on this subject, would lead to any more satisfactory result, I quite agree with you, in the wish you express, that it may not be prolonged. I certainly shall not love or esteem you less, for having expressed your sentiments freely— I thank you for your friendly warning & cautions— I am sure they were prompted by the best of motives, & intended for my highest good, as well as the prosperity of the Missionary work in Jam—

I have heard nothing from Bro Belden, relative to the arrangement I proposed respecting the funds I had raised for the School Assn.—
If the plan proposed, does not meet your minds I will forward the amt, & draw on you for what is due me from Bro Sills, as he has directed. My only object was to save trouble & expense in the transmission of funds.

You say nothing about my effort in behalf of Richmond, in raising a loan for 5 years &c. Neither have you informed me, whether the ~~funds~~ cash could be raised by you or others in N.Y. on the strength of notes on interest, payable next Jan, from some of the most reliable men— nor whether you would issue certificates of Stock, as security (on the payment of the notes) for the loan
Would members of the Ex Com advance the money, (or a part of it) on such security? If so, at what rate of discount? I am thus particular, because Bro Plumb— who is well acquainted with the signers of these notes— will discount them, unless it can be done in N York, cheaper— Some of the notes, will probably be paid next month

Can the friend you mentioned in England, be relied on for $50? I wish to know whether you as an individual, & the Com in their official capacity, design to encourage & manage this matter, or whether Bro Wolcott & those of us, who have set this enterprise on foot, are to be left

to carry it out alone. Please let me know definitely, how the matter now stands, as I have entered into this Joint Stock operation at your suggestion, trusting to your skill & ability in financial affairs, to perfect the details of the plan, & execute the necessary papers—

You are aware, that the continued ill health of my family, has compelled me to abandon the idea of a return to Jamaica the present year. Indeed, I have great doubts, whether Mrs R will ever, so far regain her health, as to be able to endure the fatigue & labors of missionary life, with the care of three small children— Still, I do not yet wholly abandon the idea of resuming my labors in Jam at some future day—

I never felt a deeper interest in the prosperity of that Mission— I never loved the missionary work better, than I do today— But present duty seems plain— I wrote Br Whipple last week—

With christian regards, I remain
Your Bro in Christ
A. W. Richardson

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Rev. A. M. Richardson
Lima, Ohio
March 27/55.

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N.B. I enclose $2.00 to pay the freight on a box of Goods sent from this place for Jamaica Mission - Please acknowledge the same -

A. M. R.

handed to Mr Bolder 2d Apl

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2336
FISK UNIV.

Richmond 7 April 1855

Rev. G. Whipple,

My Dear Brother,

Your favors of Jan. 10th & Feb. 5th are before me unanswered. The first respects your views &c. relative to the expediency, or power, of the Ex. Com. to furnish funds for Richmond — Correspondence of Richardson, Olds & Lappan about the matter — Vote of the Ex. Com. to appropriate $300, for repairs — Appointment of teachers, &c &c. You express the hope that no misunderstanding may arise between us about Richmond. I hope none that may not be easily got over. You will not wonder at our thinking our enterprise treated rather lonely when for some six months we were hearing nothing in answer to several very important communications from us. But this we have charged to failure of mails — we forget the past & hope for the future.

Your L. Feby 5th relates to counsel about securing Richmond to the object for which it is designed — etc. This is just what we intend to do. Allow me however, to say frankly that it would be neither just nor practicable, if possible, to do this as you seem to suppose. I am not unmindful of the liabilities depending on the uncertainty of life &c. & shall do my best to guard against them. The subject has

has been long & largely pondered here, and I think I may say it is the unanimous opinion of mission & friends that the best if not the only practicable way to accomplish our object is for me to hold the property in fee simple until I can secure it to small purchasers & to ~~[illegible]~~ educational purposes — I must be untrammeled in disposing of the property, & in all its management for the present — Thus far I am personally liable for every farthing of expense attending our purchase, as well as for the purchase money itself. For all fixtures, repairs, etc. necessary to the opening & carrying on of our school, my own are the only reliable resources at present at our command. We hope — we are very confident of help from our friends, by & by, but experience has taught us to be careful that we get into no inextricable difficulties should such hope fail us. At present I am acting in the whole business as tho all depended on my own personal efforts. I shall do all I can; and the more I am helped, the more I shall do. I am incurring some expense — making some outlays — but none except what I can personally meet. I am proposing to convert the old Stone Still house into a School building, by fitting floors, partitions, doors, windows &c, and as yet I have no certain means of doing it, but at my own expense — D.V. the work must be done. I (we) propose to refund all the money put in our hands, by loan or otherwise, unless our friends shall otherwise determine. To do this we must have th

control of the means of doing it. In short, it seems to us that it would be, that neither to myself nor to my creditors to make over the (my) property to any other party or parties under present circumstances. If success & permanency in our object depend on the continuance, for a time, of my life, is not that a temporary necessity which cannot be avoided? If my creditors - P. M. Way - A. B. Mills - Geo. Scott, of Eliot (blackman) and the A. M. A. or S. Jappen are afraid of losing their debts, let them, one, or all say so, and I think we will find the means of securing them.

We hear from Br. Richardson, that efforts are being made on our behalf for a permanent loan. This will do, if the plan succeeds - Rest assured we shall not be sticklish about the manner of finally adjusting any mutual arrangements which may be made for carrying out our objects here - We want your sympathies & help in our Richmond affair - it is an important experiment what success will attend it time will show. -

Kingston 11th Apr. 1858

I am in town, & find a vessel just to be off for N. Y. Mr. Way sends by it his father; & we send such letters as we have ready - I have only time to say that the Hannah Swan has just arrived, & I have just finished getting our packages, sent by her, thro the Customs - They will not be landed today.

The John Clark has not arrived & fears are entertained for her safty. I shall write Br. Jappen soon - I have not time for more now - Over

Dr. Beardslee expects to sail for the U.S.A. soon & proposes to take messages &c for us—
Love to all. Yours truly
Seth S. Wolcott

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

S. S. Wolcott
Richmond, Va.
April 7/52

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2837
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica Apr 10. 1855

Rev George Whipple

Dear Brother

A few days since Bro Wolcott placed in my hands your letter to him of Feb 5. in which you ask for a list of the papers taken by the members of this Mission. Bro Wolcott requested me to make out such a list and forward it to you. I have procured the data for it, and will try to make out the list on the plan you propose. I will put down in the list the papers now taken by the Mission, and those which different members wish to have ordered for them, and will then specify which ones you are desired to order.

N.Y. Tribune.
x Wolcott.
x Way.
x Thompson.
x Hall.

The Wesleyan.
x Way.

Putnam's Magazine.
x Wolcott.

The Independent.
x Wolcott.
x Thompson.
x Hall

Advocate.
x Hall.
x Hills.
x Thompson.
x Wolcott.
x Way.

The Voice of Case.
x Wolcott.
x Thompson.
x Hall.

Oberlin Evangelist.
x Hall.
x Hoppin.
x Thompson.
x Fleming.
x Wolcott.

Missionary
x Dean
x Hall
x Hills
x Hoppin
x Thompson
x Fleming
x Way
x Wolcott
x Woodcock

N.Y. Rural Repository.
x Woodcock.

Phrenological Journal. (Fowler & Wells)
x Thompson.

Childs Papers	Bible Society Record.
70 — Thompson	" Way.
40 — Richardson	Gleasons Pictorial x
20 — Benning	Way Not sent here
20 — Hall	x If Gleasons Pictorial is sent
10 — Hoppin	to your care, you can forward it. otherwise
10 — Dean	you will have nothing to do with it.

To fill up the above list. please order 10 Childs Papers for Bro Hoppin. And 10 for Bro Benning. Bro Benning now takes 10. And wants 10 more to make up the twenty.

The 40 Childs Papers for Bro Richardson have been sent to the care of Bro Hills. Bro Hills says he has written for the Advocate yet it does not come. Please see that it is sent.

Bro Hoppin wants the Oberlin Evangelist. but says he will write for it

Please Order for Bro Wolcott. Putnams Magazine

" " " " Thompson The Phrenological Journal

" " " Miss Woodcock The New York Rural Repository.

Two copies of the Tribune are sent to Bro Wolcott. He says he has written again & again. to have only one copy sent. and yet the two are sent. He wants only one copy of the Tribune sent to him.

It is important that our mail be put up in separate packages for each member of the Mission. before it leaves the Rooms in New York. otherwise it will cause us great annoyance in getting it. and often we shall not get some of it at all.

The Association met at Eliot last week. at which time most of the members of the Mission were present. The doings of the Mission

At that meeting. I must report at another time. I did not know of the opportunity there would be to mail letters for New York tomorrow, until a short time since. And have not time to write more now.

Bro Wolcott & family. Hills & family. Mr Hoffman & Miss Woodcock are now in town. And Mr Way goes down in the morning with his father. You will probably hear from some of them by the Steamer that leaves Kingston tomorrow.

Very truly Yours
H. B. Hall
Cor. Sec. Pro. Com.
Jam Mission

Rev. H. B. Hall
April 10/54
W. Jackson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. EI-2338
FISK UNIV.

Lenox, O. April 17th 1855

A. A. Rankin
Lenox
O.
April
17/55
Ans
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L. Pappan Esq

My Dear Brother - Your letter of the 8th inst, & note of enquiry of the 11th, both came to hand last week - the first must have been delayed en route - I will reply to the last, first.

You ask if I can explain the fact that Dr Barrett has sent in a bill, for Miss Sheets expenses home? I think I can in part, & only in part - I did not understand, that the draft of Bro Meadows (or Trescott) was intended to be applied for that purpose. I understood that draft to be designed to cover the expenses of the company that returned together, including Mr Trescott's children, & excluding the two young ladies, for whom Bro Olds became personally responsible - Of that amt (Bro) I rec'd $185, & Bro Olds the ballance -

I understood that Bro Olds was to acct to you, for whatever might remain in his hands, after defraying the expenses above mentioned. I know it was confidently expected that there would be a ballance in your favor - the draft was made thus large, to cover unforseen contingencies - there might have been something said about Miss Sheets passage, but if so, it has escaped my recollection - I had supposed (& also others of the mission) that Dr B - (or some other friend there) intended to defray her expenses home, & that was the reason of her remaining & accompanying him, instead of returning with us - I still think that was the expectation, & that had Dr B's business prospered, no bill would have been presented.

Please expect the promised manuscript of this letter, as I am preparing from headquarters & temporary inelisposition
Yours truly
Rev. Rankin
A. Rev. Richardson

However, I suppose the A. McL are pretty responsible for her return, & that no blame can be attached to Dr B— for not doing an intended kindness, when he is unable ~~to~~ so to do. This is all the explanation I can give, at present— I hope Bro Olds may have a more distinct understanding of the matter—

Bro Olds' Letter to which you refer, shall be returned in a few weeks, per one of our merchants, who is to visit N.Y.— You say— "I see no objection to your retaining the money (collected by me for "Jam. Pol. Sch. Ass.") & sending me an order on Mr Sills, for an equal sum". Now, you will excuse my dullness of apprehension, when I say that I don't quite see the necessity of such an order. I have no objections to giving it, if it be necessary to enable you to make up your accts correctly. But the facts (as detailed in my letter of Feb 7th) are these— I left a small pocket-book, in Mr Sills' hands to be disposed of— the note was that it was sold for four pounds sterling ($19,20) & authorised me to draw on you for the amt. I knew that Br Wolcott was in great straits for funds, & there were a good many contingent expenses coming upon him (as Pres. of the Pol. Sch. Ass.) which he had not the means to meet. I therefore wrote Bro Sc— to pay the £4, over to him for school purposes, & I would take it upon me to collect that amt among friends here. This I have done, & sent the acknowledgments (in part) to you, that the same might be published in the Am. Missy. But I have looked in vain for their appearance. I thought it was pursuing a straightforward business course in the matter, & did not suppose it necessary

Dear Sir— this little people— we have been waiting, & consulted with Br Wolcott & he thinks it advisable

that the funds should pass thro' your hands at all, only so that you might know that they had been really given & rightly appropriated. I know when I was in Jam., some donations were made for the same object (Col Schl Assn) the funds were recd by Bro Whipple, acknowledged in the Missionary, & drawn from him by my order. My object was to appropriate funds already on the ground, and thus save time & trouble. Feb 7th I acknowledged the receipt of $18-13. Two dolls of this was for the Mendi Mission, & was paid Bro Belden by Bro Plumb, or rather enclosed in a letter he gave him for you. The balance $16-13 was to be acknowledged as given to Jam Schl Assn, & applied towards liquidating my claim for $17-20 — leaving $3-07 still to be collected by me. That amt, & a little more, I have since collected, & will acknowledge when I send in my accts &c.

You ask for an explanation of my statement respecting the form of the certificate &c. You inquire "What do you mean by (the privilege) releasing all claims of the Stockholders?" There is no "privilege" about it. The obligation to return the money will be imperative, provided the money shall be realized from the estate." I mean just this. That the certificate of Stock shall be not only a receipt for the money loaned, but a legal lien on the estate (equivalent at least, to a mortgage) as security for its repayment. There is a contingency in the matter. Suppose the money is not realized from the estate: there is nothing in the form you sent, to show that those who loaned it, have any claim on the Estate, or any control over it. I want the Stockholders to share in the risk, & to have the best security the circumstances will admit. It is really a joint Stock operation. We wish it so arranged, that the Stock shall

be convertible into a loan, at the expiration of 5 years,
provided, the objects in view, can be best promoted by such
a course - We confidently anticipate that the proceeds of the
Estate will not only pay off the investment, with interest,
but afford a surplus fund, towards sustaining the School -
If that fund should ever become considerable, some of the
Stock holders might wish to control it, & object to its
being appropriated to that object - Hence the proviso -
hence the reason, why I employed the word 'privilege' in my
former letter - I have consulted Mr. A. Plumb Esqr (one of our
most reliable lawyers) & also his brother, Mr Lewis Plumb -
they both agree with me about the propriety of that word,
& the necessity of the proviso, with which it stands connected.
After consultation with them, I have drawn up a form
which (I believe) expresses exactly my idea of the matter,
that of those in this region, who have enlisted in the enterprise -
If you can condense & abbreviate it, all the better -
I think it would be well to have 2 or 3 blanks prepared -
How many Trustees will be necessary? I suppose two or three
might answer, & as the Stockholders here, are not acquainted
in Jenn & would trust to your judgment, I would name -
Bro S. P. Wolcott - Thomas Oughton Esqr & Geo Henderson Esqr
& if two will answer, I would omit the latter - You can get
Mr Olds & Bro Wolcott's opinion in the matter - You wish me to
explain about the proceeds being devoted to sustaining the School -
To send such a school, for the education of native teachers & assistants
is the primary object of this enterprise, (as I understand it)
& the selling out of land is incidental & secondary - that is
the light in which I have presented the subject, & it has met with
universal favor - As to the size of those notes, 3 are for $100
each - 1 for $50, & 3 for $25 - The balance are in smaller sums mostly $10
Mr Plumb will discount them at 10 per cent - He says the notes are perfectly good, & will all be paid promptly - I can't hear to have them shaved so!
But money is in great demand here, even at 16 per cent. I will engage to have
those notes when due, if you can raise the money without so great a sacrifice
Please write me soon what you decide upon.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2339
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica Apr 23. 1855.

Rev George Whipple

Dear Brother

In connection with the meeting of the Ecclesiastical Association A meeting of the Mission was held at Eliot Station Apr 3d 1855. at which all the male members of the Mission were present. Several resolutions were passed unanimously, which were as follows.

1st Recommending that Miss Dean remain at Richmond to commence the operations of the school at that place.

2d Recommending that the salary of Bro Hoppin be $250.

3d Recommending that the request of Bro Hills be granted, who asked that his salary be $400. from the first of January 1855.

4th Recommending, or asking that the salaries of all the members of the Mission be raised 25 per cent. The 4th resolution, if granted, to set aside the 2d & 3d.

In explaining the resolutions. I may say in respect to the 1st that Miss Dean has been at Richmond since Christmas, trying to rest and recruit her wasted energies. She is there now; and it is thought advisable by the Mission that, with the materials at hand, she commence the school at that place.

The other resolutions are identical (all asking for more salary) and the reasons for them are the same as have

urged upon the Exec-Comm on former occasions. Only as they grow older, they grow stronger.

As there are some things in respect to the salaries to which I wish to direct attention — I will give them as they now stand. and as they would stand increased 25 per cent.

				Increased	25 per
Salaries of Ministers are now	$450	00.	530.	$562	50
" " Married Teachers	337	50	400.	421	875
" " Single Male Teachers	225	00	250	281	25
" " Female Teachers	180	00	220	225	00
" " Bro Denning Teacher & who performs in part the work of a minister	400	00	500	500	00
Salary of Bro Way, who has $50 extra for being at Oberlin	500	00		~~625~~	~~00~~
Salary of Bro Wolcott who refuses the $50 which was added Dec 1853	400	00		500	00

It can be seen at a glance that if just 25 per cent be added to the salaries of all the members of the Mission, on the salary of some there would be a cumbersom fraction in making quarterly payments. * Bro Wolcott wished me to direct attention to the difference between his salary and that of Bro Way with 25 per cent added to them as they now stand. But why does he not receive the $50 which was added Dec 1853? He is willing I should explain that matter. It is not that he does not feel that he ought to have it. It was just as he returned

* And but few of the salaries would stand in round numbers

from a visit to the U. S. that the Mission asked an increase of salary. And he thought the Exc Com might feel that he, thus returning from a goodly land, was the cause of such a move in the Mission. Then again he felt that the addition was only a small part of what ought to be made. Hence he refused to take it at all. For the last mentioned reason he has been just on the point, several times, of resigning his salary entirely. He feels like saying "Give me a salary that is somewhere near being reasonable or I will have none at all. I will support myself, if I have nothing but yam to eat".

There is one trait of Bro Wolcott which I am going to mention on my own responsibility. For example, he is the Treasurer of the Mission. The Treasurer of the A. M. A. sends him an account against some person in Jamaica to accommodate whom he has paid, say $50. or $100. in New York. Bro Wolcott instead of saying, I will give you credit for said amount as soon as I can collect it, at once assumes it as a personal debt. When the time comes to make a draft for the quarter, he makes a draft for a sum sufficient to cover the expenses of the Mission, minus the $50. or $100. - pays the other members of the mission their salaries, and lets the $50. or $100. come out of his salary, and lives as he can until he can get it. If it should prove a bad debt he alone must bear it. Why! he says, my accounts shall agree with those of the Treasurer at home. By-and-by Miss Hicks goes home, and a bill for her expenses considerable above what they would have been had she gone home in company with Bro Olds & others, is sent to Bro Wolcott. He says "It is too bad. I do not feel like charging all this bill to the A. M. A. I will some pay part of it myself."

I might mention other similar incidents. But enough is said. You see what a Father he makes himself one who would starve before his children.

We suppose there was a mail for the Mission on the John Clark. It is now more than seven weeks since she left New York. Yet we can hear nothing from her. And it is supposed she must have been lost. Which please bear in mind, if there will any communications for the Mission from the Rooms.

Very truly Yours

H. B. Hall.
Cor. Sec. Pro. Tem.
Jam. Mission

L. Thompson — Chairman

P.S. I think there should be no extra $50. for Oberlin & I think most of the members of the Mission agree with me in this opinion.

H. B. Hall.

I am now with Br. Hall and most heartily agree with him, in his views as to the $50. extra for Oberlin on account of the mission making a stopping place on their way to Kingston.

L. Thompson

H. B. Hall
Jam. Mission
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Jamaica page 2.

Providence Jamaica Apr 24 1853

Dear Bro Whipple

I know you ask why we do not write more respecting our work among the people. The simple season is we have but very little to write — but little that we have not in substance written many times, and but little that we feel will interest those far away. We become tired of writing the same old story, and we suppose you become tired of reading it.

The circumstances under which we labor are such that we cannot reasonably expect often, to give glowing accounts of our work. If we can see that we are making a little real progress we feel encouraged. Facts will show you our position and will enable you to judge of the progress we make.

From the number of Churches and Chapels in the Island, Jamaica ought certainly to be called a Christian land. The people may be called a church going people. There are chapels & places of worship enough, at least in this part of the Island, to supply the people, if every Station of our Mission were given up. And there is no lack of ministers and preachers. As far as I am acquainted, almost the entire adult population, profess to have a hope of eternal life. And I think the larger part are connected with churches. ~~So as far as my observation extends, there are few if any houses, in which a bible may not be found.~~ In view of such facts some have been led to say, "The spiritual condition of the population is very satisfactory." But there is another class of facts that are perfectly astounding. With all this array of the externals of religion one broad deep wave of moral

death rolls over the land. A man may be a drunkard, a liar a Sabbath breaker, a profane man, a fornicator & adulterer & such like: and be known to be such, and go to Chapel and hold up his head there and feel no disgrace from these things, because they are so common, as to create a public sentiment in his favor. He may go to the communion table, and cherish a hope of heaven, and not have his hope disturbed. I might tell of persons, guilty of some if not all these things, ministering in holy things. The prevalence of licentiousness may be inferred from the remarks of some persons whom I heard conversing on that subject. They are persons in whose truthfulness I have entire confidence and certainly knew whereof they affirmed. They pointed in one direction and said that between two points, (a section of country embracing several hundreds of people) there was not a man, with two or three exceptions which they named who had not got his sweet heart (sweet heart in Jamaica invariably means a concubine) When asked if married men had their sweet hearts, they said "Yes, and some of them have a dozen, and among them other mens wives." Yet these people of whom they spoke as church going people. They then turned toward some people whom they heard at work, and who belong to a church or chapel in another direction, and said of them "They are all living in the same way"

Those who profess to know, say of young persons and children "They are vile without exception" I hope there are some exceptions but alas! there is fearful evidence that they are too few.

I might speak of the prevalence of intemperance and other sins, but I will not take the time. It is proverbial that the people have no conscience. There is not truth enough developed in their minds on which to base a correct public sentiment on any subject.

Let a church take correct ground in respect to intemperance

and other prevailing sins. and they will be a reproach and by-word.

When you understand the circumstances under which we labor, you can judge better of the progress we make. The masses do not gather with us. They love darkness rather than light. We have a little church gathered out of the moral wilderness about us. Of some of them at least, it is true, that they are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Only a few adults, that are not members of the church, meet with us. Our influence is limited. ~~to a small sphere.~~ But when we look back over the past we can see that we have made some progress. We can say of a few that we hope they have been truly converted to God since we have been here. We can say of one and another, they are better men — better women than they were a few years ago. We can see that the great truths of the gospel are being better & better understood, and that a few are becoming acquainted with ~~the~~ the deep & precious truths. We see now and then one renouncing former habits, which they are led to see are inconsistent with a Christian life.

I wish I could repeat to you all the remarks a brother made in the church meeting last Friday. He says "I feel that I am free — a free man in Jesus Christ. I feel that the gospel has set me free from all my sins." He says "I would not take all the gold & silver in the world for the little knowledge I have of the gospel". He spoke in a similar strain for some time, and the words seemed to come from his heart. His life seems fully to confirm the truthfulness of all he said. He is exerting an influence for good over his family & near friends, that is quite perceptible.

A few considerations encourage us to toil on. We are holding up the light. And if the masses will turn away from it, they must be responsible for doing so. We are sowing seed, from which others may

gather fruit when our work here shall have ceased, though now much of it seems to fall by the way side, and upon stony ground. And we see that in the case of a few a work is being done which is not all surface work. They are digging deep and building upon the rock.

I am Yours, Aff & truly.

H. B. Hall.

Kingston May 2d I have put up Bro Olds books & labeled them according to his directions. He wishes them sent by Express from New York to Albion Orleans Co N.Y. and is quite particular that they are sent to the Express Office in New York. Will you see that they are sent to said office? The books go to New York in the Care of Bro. Beardslee. He pays the freight on the books ~~and if~~ will you will pay him the same whatever it may be. And let Bro Olds pay you. Bro Olds wished to pay the freight on the books in some way short of enclosing the money to Jamaica as there would be too much risk of its being lost.

Yours Truly

H. B. Hall

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H. B. Hall (Res)
Providence
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Rev. A. M. Pledge
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Concord, O. April 28/55

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2341
FISK UNIV.

Dear Brother-

Your letter of the 21st inst came to hand yesterday. As I have not time to consult with the Mr Plumb before the mail goes out today, I hasten to make a brief explanation of two or three particulars, & must leave a full reply, together with the return of your letter until another mail-

All the notes I have taken are antedated, Jan 1st 1855, & on interest from date. Mr Plumb proposes to discount at 10 per cent per annum, on the face of the note. Of course, we lose the interest so that the discount actually amounts to 15 per cent. I know it is a great sacrifice, & I wish it might be avoided- You (Plumb) is now making arrangements to discount the notes, & I wish you would write by return mail, if you think you can do better- I propose to have all the notes (to be taken) dated in the same way, that all may be due together, on the same terms-

As to writing Bros Olds & Wolcott about the hon of Trustees, I merely suggested, that you could do so, if you tho't it necessary - Presume it is not. As to using the names of Messrs Oughton & Henderson, I have no express authority. From my acquaintance with the gentlemen I feel confident they would act in that capacity. Mr Oughton & Rev would do so, as he is already a Trustee in some of our Station Deeds, & has been a legal adviser of the Mission & takes a deep interest in its affairs - I don't think it necessary to write & permit an answer from them - their names can be used, & if either should decline acting (which isn't likely) the other two can do the business. I don't think the Stockholders will be particular whether the Trustees names are all inserted or not, but I think it will look better, & sound more business like to have them there.

When the certificates are made out, why not distribute them at once? Even if

the form I sent should be decided on)
the notes will be just as good after they
are delivered as before. If Mr S. discounts
them, he says he shall deliver them
in the certificates. Could you not sign
them, & send me a quantity, & let me
fill out the blanks with the names
& amts &c? It would save trouble & delay.

Your explanation in reference to the
money collected & returned by me is
satisfactory. I send you an order on
Mr Hill for the amt. You will perceive
that I have added four Dolls ($4.00) to the
amt already acknowledged. Please credit it
with the rest in the Anti, as follows.

Oshen Robes .50 — Wayne
Homer Hempsore 3.50 — Hartford } Ohio

I have not heard from Bro Fields
for some time past. Don't know whether
he has done or will do anything towards
raising the subscription for this Stock.
I think he ought to aid, if possible. I
can only devote a small portion of my
time to it, in connection with other duties

I do not think the stock holders will insist upon an obligation to refund the principal & interest, unless it should be realized from the Estate, clear of all expenses. Some of them ~~do think~~ have intimated that if the enterprise works well, they shall expect to donate their subscriptions to aid in endowing a school. Others will, doubtless, treat it as a business transaction, yet some have given some those who were anxious to aid in the education & elevation of the emancipated people.

Excuse haste

Yours very Truly -

A. M. Richardson

$20 13/100

Mr. A. B. Neill

Dear Sir. Please pay to the order of L. Rappen esq. the sum of Twenty Dollars & thirteen cents (~~$20. 13/100~~) being funds collected by me for "Jam. Vol. School Assn" and oblige

Yours faithfully

A. M. Richardson

Lenox. Ohio
April 28. 1855

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES
NO. FI-234

Cincinnati, O. May 2. 1858

L. Rippman Esqr

Dear Sir — Yours under date of April 28 - I replied briefly to some points in your of the 27th ult. I now return the same, with such additional remarks as I deem necessary to a full understanding of the subject involved -

1 As to the form of the certificate - We are not particular as to the wording of it, only we wish it to be as clearly & concisely expressed, as possible - I have laid the two forms before Mr Plumb - He says he prefers the one I sent you, both on acct of its brevity, & its being less cumbered with legal technicalities. We both think it would be more intelligible and satisfactory to a majority of the Stockholders, with the alterations incorporated as you suggest - Still, if you much prefer the other form, we do not feel at all scrupulous about urging the matter - do what you think best on the whole - I enclose the form with the amendments you suggested, & one or two others, I think we better have, 250 shares of $50,00 each - this will place a share within the reach of any one - I think too that nothing but cash should appear on the face of the certificate - Let it be a receipt for the money when paid, & the notes be taken up when it is given - this will simplify the certificate a little, & save executing notes where cash is paid down —

Mr. L. Rippman
Cincinnati
O.
May 2 1858
Send to Mr Plumb
L.B.
Name

2° You ask an explanation of certain phraseology, that I employed - e.g. I wrote "said Estate (or shall is to be purchased & held by said Trustees" You say it has been purchased - True but by an individual & not by the Trustees - He must deed it over to the Trustees - So I think - Again "What do you mean by 'converting the Stock into a loan at the expiration of five years'? I mean just what the certificate expresses - It is a bona fide purchase of Stock, but under such limitations & restrictions that it can never become a money speculation to the shareholders - They agree to waive all claim to the proceeds of the Estate, on condition that their money is refunded with interest - In other words they agree to sell out their interest, in said Estate on the above terms - So that when such transfer has been made, it really amounts to nothing more than a loan - At present it is some thing more - For if the Stock should prove a bad investment, it would remain on their hands. It is expected that the buildings & a part of the land, will be retained to support the School - I think we understand the matter alike, & only differ in our manner of expressing our ideas -

I have just rec^d a letter from Bro Olds - she says nothing about Richmond, however - Gives some encouragement that he will return to Jaw in the fall, if the way seems open. I trust he will find the door wide open. Is there any one found for Brainerd yet? I hear nothing from Bro Whipple.

Truly & affectionately Yours A. W. Richardson

Richmond Estate - Jamaica West Indies.

Certificate of Stock -

This is to certify that A. B. by the payment of $ — is entitled to — Shares in the Richmond Estate, Island of Jamaica, subject to the following conditions & restrictions - viz -

That said Estate shall be held & managed by Trustees (hereafter named), for the purpose of selling out such portions of the land, as may be deemed expedient, to the emancipated population of that Island, & also founding an Industrial School for the education of Native Youth - Also

That said Trustees shall annually furnish each Stock holder with a full Report of the condition of the Property, & School, including receipts & expenditures of the same -

It is furthermore, expressly understood & agreed upon by all persons contributing to this Stock, that at the expiration of Five years from the date hereof - (or at any subsequent period) said Trustees shall be authorised & empowered to cancel all claims of the Shareholders upon said Estate, by refunding to each the amount invested, with interest on the same, from the date of its investment, at 8 per cent per annum - after which, the remaining proceeds of said Estate shall be scrupulously devoted to the above mentioned objects -

Rev. S. T. Wolcott - Thomas Oughton Esqr & George Henderson Esqr, all of Jamaica, having been named as

Trustees of said Property — the undersigned acting as their Agent, hereby promises on their behalf that the foregoing stipulations shall be faithfully observed —

Dated at New York — day of — 1855 —

Witness —

} Agent for the Trustees

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2344
FISK UNIV.

Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.
4th May 1855

My Dear Brother

As the Illinois is now momently looked for, I sit down to scratch a few lines to you. The time is apparently near at hand when I am to bid farewell to Jamaica. My poor state of health is the moving cause of this anticipation, several other considerations, have led to the final decision. We look for the "Star of the South" on the 10th inst. and will be ready by that time (D.V.). Should the Str not come, we will be obliged to take a sailing vessel if a good oppy. offers & of course the time of our reaching New York will be fixed definitely. We hope it will not be later than the end of this month in either case, and if we go by Str not later than the 20th.

I have a large parcel of letters entrusted to my care by the members of the Am. Mission & some for the Mission Rooms, which it is desired I may present in person. This I shall be happy to do, & also to spend a few days in N. York. but that I have now such a family that I could not remain in the City for any time unless it could be managed at a very trifling expense. I will be very short of means for finishing my journey to Ohio, if I spend

much by the way. Should we be favored with a safe arrival in New York I will call on you at once, & if you can manage to secure a place for us for a few days at a small expense I shall be much obliged. My family will consist probably of four adults and five children — that is — self, wife, wife's sister, nurse, and five children including an infant now seven weeks old. If any good brother or sister be able and willing to entertain for a few days one who has spent 10 of the best years of his life in trying to elevate the poor people of Jamaica & bring them to Christ, & who now leaves the work solely because his energies are exhausted, & his all spent in the service, & to provide for those whom the Lord has made dependent on him for their support, I may be able to stop, otherwise I cannot do so.

Perhaps it wont be worth the time & trouble to anybody else, but it would afford us all a great pleasure to see a little of our great Metropolis in passing, & to learn something of friends in that quarter, as circumstances may prevent a return thither for a long time hence. I submit the matter to you my Dear Brother, & if you think it worth while & have time to make the enquiry, will feel much obliged to you whether successful or not.

If you have not sent the articles dyed for us, that is for Mrs. B. please return them.

Should the Teachers be coming out before our arrival send please, Mrs. Murray's, care of Miss Dance, the lady with whom they will stop here at the Methodist Rooms. I will settle with you & look after my papers &c. when I come.

Hoping by the leave of Providence soon to see you in health & peace,

I remain
My Dear Mother
Yours faithfully
S. D. Bleadsley

Rev Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman St.
New York City

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Rev. J. C. Beardslee
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Revd. Geo. Whipple
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2342
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Richmond May 7th 1855

My Dear Bro. Sappan.

I have been proposing to myself to write you by Bro. Beardslee, who expects to sail for C. G. in a few days, I had set apart this evening for the purpose. But the very hour in which I should have commenced, brought Bro. Way here, with others of the mission to consider a request from Bro. W. that we approve of his asking for a return to the U.S. — We have considered the matter, as will be transmitted to Bro. Tripp by Bro. Hall. It is now past 10 O'clock at night and I sit down feeling more like sitting seven days confounded, like the friends of Job, than attempting to write what I had in mind. I dont see how we can do otherwise than approve of Bro. Way's return — life may be at stake. Health certainly seems to be in case of both Bro. & Sis. W — But we have but just sent of Bros. B. C. & M. & now sudenly comes the demand to part with Bro. Way. What do all these things mean? Why so much loss of health among us? — Must our mission be wasted, & our labors here sudenly terminate? or shall the places of retiring ones be occupied by fresh hands? — For myself, I bless God that I feel strong as the mighty, lasting Oak, — tho, as you know,

I am but a very little one, and it may require but a feeble blast to bring me down.

Our mission is not yet all gone - much remains - perhaps God will strengthen that -

There is, however, much, in view of which I can hardly help sometimes feeling greatly afflicted, sad - It is fitting, no doubt, that it should be thus, yet, as a christian, I must, & will rejoice. God reigns, who does all things well; and tho the dispensations of his providence bring sorrow, 'His counsel shall stand' - 'the gates of hell shall not prevail against his kingdom.

But I was designing to say a few things, which my relations to the mission as its treasurer, lead me to say to you. And allow me to remark first, that such is my position. I feel the weight of much responsibility, both as respects the care of our churches & our schools - to say nothing of Richmond in my arms - and especially our financial affairs. At the meeting of mission in connection with our Ecclesiastical Ass^n in April, question arose concerning salaries. Bro. Hopkins, for instance did not see how he could live on $200, tho he was ready to leave it to the judgment of others - Well, it seemed to others as to bro. H. Bro. Hiles that he could not get on with less than $400 - but 'to make a long story short;' the result was, a vote to recommend an increase on all the salaries of 25 per cent — I at first opposed any

such motion, not because I did not think we could use a larger salary to good advantage, nor that we did not need it, but mainly from a deep aversion to add to the expenditures of the Am. Miss. Assn. on our behalf. I believe it is constitutional with me to make to the purchaser every thing as cheap as I can; so that I could never make a good merchant & have the business agreeable to me. As agent of the A. M. & A. there are few things which I desire more strongly than that its laborers, particularly all that are associated with myself, work as cheaply as possible - making no expense to the Assn. which can by any means be avoided. Hence, when a bill arises like that of Miss Hicks' expenses to N.Y. ($100.) I feel so strong a reluctance to render it in my accounts, that if it were possible I think I should pay it, or at least one half of it, myself. Up to the present time I have refused any part or lot with the rest of the Mission in the 12½ per cent increase of salary - mine remaining at its original $400 - my position in this is not agreeable to the brethren. One considerable motive with me in acting thus has been that the amt. of my salary should not be taken as a reason why I should not refuse to recommend that another be made more than I might think it ought to be. It would be most agreeable to my feelings to be able to relieve the Assn. altogether from the burden of my support; and myself the responsibility of asking, or deciding what shall be the pay of others.

A word with respect to Richmond:

We are progressing slowly. Applications for a place in our family & school are met with by Miss Dean is teaching — Some applications for land, to be attended to as soon as I can make the necessary Surveys — Some new renters — I hear something is being done to aid us in meeting our (pay) obligations or liabilities in the purchase of the Estate. I am now liable to you for $500. The question with me is, in what shape, for this & for anything more, I may furnish you with satisfactory securities till by sale of land & otherwise I can refund the money. Could members of the mission, say its ministers, becoming responsible or by acting in the capacity of trustees, Directors or something of the sort with whom I might enter into bonds, become such security? —

Perhaps you will allow me to leave you to arrange that point in a manner satisfactory to yourself and not greatly embarrassing to us. Bro. B will be able to give you some account of us. I will leave you to converse with him and retire to my rest.

In labors for the good, I remain

Yours

Seth T. Wolcott

Seth T. Wolcott
Jamaica
Mary 7/55

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June 19

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2346
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica May 8. 1883

Rev George Whipple

Dear Brother.

A meeting of the Mission was called at Richmond May 7th to consider the accompanying request of Bro Way, in view of which it was unanimously.

Resolved. That while we deeply regret the occasion of this request, yet in view of the facts therein presented, we feel it our duty to express our approval of Bro Way's request for a return to the United States

Very truly yours.

H B Hewell

Cor. Sec Pro. Jam

Jam. Miss.

H. B. Hall
Jam. Monroe,
May 8/55.

NEW YORK UNIV.

A. ... ARCHIVES
No. A-2347
FISK UNIV.

Oberlin May 8/55

Dear Bro.

Whipple:- you will probably be a little surprised at the contents of my communication. I assure you I deeply regret its necessity. "But who can his fate withstand?" I shall remain here a few weeks awaiting your action, & I hope you will not delay an answer. I presume you will have but little, if any, difficulty in finding some one to supply my place, very much better qualified for the station. May God send forth labourers into his vineyard.

If you have <u>not</u> forwarded

the goods which I ordered some time since, I hope you will not, on any account. If you have sent them, please forward me a bill of lading & invoice immediately. If you sent them by the John Clark they are probably lost & measures should be taken to get the insurance which, I suppose, was taken on them.

I have many things to say but will not with pen & ink. "I hope to see you face to face shortly".

I am my dear brother yours

truly P. M. Way

To Mr. Mears.

Oberlin Jan.

May 8/55.

Requests to be permitted to return to Miss.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2318
FISK UNIV.

Carlton Orleans Co N.Y.
May 11/55

Lewis Tappan

My dear Brother

Yours of May 4th is before me. You say "my reply respecting Miss Richo expenses home is not very clear to your mind." I am sorry I am not able to make it more clear.

You quote from me as follows "The last letter I received from you after I made the proposition in question informed me that you had determined to raise the money for Richmond in Eng & therefore it left nothing for me to do." — You ask "are you not mistaken?" I would say that this statement was made from memory as I had not then the letter before me. But I doubted not that you would call the passage to mind as I had but a few weeks before quoted the passage in reply to one of your letters on the same subject of the present letter.

The passage to which I referred was from your letter of Dec 19/54 and is as follows.
"We have concluded to wait until we hear from England and from Jamaica before we go further .. If we can procure the money from Eng we should prefer it, but if we can not some ways must be devised to raise it here."

In view of this statement I made my engagement here. I did what I thought was best I should do. If you have not succeeded as well as you had hoped in your application to English friends we may perhaps conclude that it is the will of the Lord that the money should be raised on this side of the water. I do not know that I can blame myself for your want of success. Nor can I hold myself responsible for the fulfilment of propositions that were rejected.

You say "You wanted me to accept drafts for $2500 with the assurance that Mr R. & yourself would be able to raise the money to meet them. Suppose I had done so.

what would have been the result?" The result I have no doubt would have been, that Bro Richardson & myself would have applied ourselves to the work & the money long ere this had been raised. But your decision turned my whole course in an other direction. It does appear to me my dear Brother that you are willing to bind burdens on others that you yourself are not willing to bear. You are ready to hold me to a proposition that you have rejected. When that rejection was the means of changing my entire course.

I do not like to write thus to you, but it seems to be necessary in order to place the subject in its proper light before your mind. But having done this I would say it appears to me best that we should now, "one & all" take hold and do the best we can. Bro R. writes me that you are now about completing the preliminaries for a Joint Stock Co for the purchase of Richmond. If you will send on some blanks to me I will endeavor to get them filled with responsible names. And also aid in any other manner within my

ability in my present circumstances.

Although I write you thus sharply you will permit me still to subscribe myself

Your faithful brother

A. Olds

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2348A
FISK UNIV.

Hermitage May 14th 1855

Rev. J. Whipple

My Dear Brother,

I am at our old place partly on business, & partly to preach to the people, who have been long wanting to meet again down at the old Station. We have had but one meeting here since New Year. The meetings are mostly at Chesterfield. Bro. Jennings labors are very arduous. I help him all I can; but business requires most of my time, or Br. Thompsons while I supply his place at Eliot. We have not yet got all our stuff moved over to Richmond. You can hardly conceive what a job it is to move here in the mountains. I am getting shingles here for repairs at R. & they must be carried 16 miles on mules backs.

Well, I am going to Kingston today, and I have spare time only to commence this here.

I have written Bro. Tappan, to go by Br. Beardslee. He was to have sailed last week, but I hear he did not, & expected to sail this week; so this will go also by him. I have much in these times, very much, for which to be sorrowful; but have also very much for which to be joyful, so I am always rejoicing. I have excellent health. So also has my wife & children. Wife has never been able to endure so much as at present. The feels

no hesitation to take a walk to Brainerd - 5 miles.
We have too an abundance of work - It is work, work, work on all hands, & we have no time to be idle - But O! the idleness, laziness, swinish lounging, and filthiness that is all about us. Hunger & nakedness & want are endured continually - with not a little thieving - sooner than work - No one who has never seen it - and a mere visitor cannot see it - can at all appreciate the terrible extent of Estate degradation. Nothing at Hermitage ever compared with what we find at K - But it is no worse - not so bad, at K., as it is reputed to be generally throughout all the land. but enough of this I have no wish to see only the 'dark side of the picture'. What, however, would a soul, accustomed to the light, have been likely to see, attempting to dwell on earth when "darkness covered the face of the deep"? — But I said I am always rejoicing; & so I am - Tho the darkness is, 'the morning cometh' - "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." But what lies before us as a mission Bro. K. & C. not to return - Bro. M. absent, perhaps not to return. Br. & Sr. Kay compelled soon to leave - Bro. Thompson, the enduring much - by no means well - a home treasury so lean that every dollar drawn from it on our ap. afflicts us more than all else put together - while by the great rise in prices our expenses are increased 25 per cent - returning missionary bills to be paid - and the expenses of new ones, which we must not long be without - Personally in

debt – debts which I have no present means of liquidating, but in dependence on my friends – a large & increasing family on my hands – one desirable to be increased, & which we purpose to increase by scores; and educate – These, & many more like things give us some food for thought – and we are being compelled to learn to live more & more by faith, yet working harder & harder –

At yes – we will have faith – "Tho' He slay me yet will I trust in him." "I have been young, & now am old, yet have I never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread" –

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

In writing Mrs. Tappan, I speak of my afflictions in relation to the expenses of our mission. I don't know as I said to him all I could, or ought to say in justice to myself. I have striven in every practicable way to make our expenses as low as possible. I have done all I could to keep our salaries at the minimum instead of the maximum allotment of the A. M. A. That I might be free to do so I have thus far positively, the brethren say stubornly, refused to receive any addition to my salary, and voted by the Exp bom. to the rest of the mission. I must confess that I am conscious of having sometimes felt a little stuborn. Bro Way. e.g. receives $500, & thinks that not enough, while I receive but $400, & And the brethren all know very well that he no more needs $500, than I do – if as much. It not that he has too much, but I too little. This is an occasion of unpleasantness. We fixed

Bro Moffat's salary, e.g. first at $200, after marriage at $300. — Bro. Hills also was put at $300, and when Bro. Hoppin came, as no action was had on the subject by the mission, I took Br. Moffat's salary as a precedent, & opened a p with bro. H. at $200 per annum with the 12½ per cent added. The question of Br. H's salary came up at our last meeting in April, and I believe no one had a conscience to say that his salary ought to be less than $300, yet no one could vote it that. We finally concluded that Br. H. could get on with $250, & we voted to recommend that, but no one felt satisfied — Then arose the subject of salaries in general, and my position was brought to light — the brethren had not generally understood before that I was not receiving my due proportion — Bro. Hills especially complained that he could not live on his salary — he had spent more than $100 the past year above his salary. He expressed strong dissatisfaction, bitterly that the mission should have fixed it at $300, when it might just as well have been $375, or even $400, — Br. Hall's was $375 when he came out & why was not his? —

A committee, of which I was chairman, was appointed to consider & report. The next morning brot in a report that the matter of salaries be not meddled with — The mission did not adopt the report, but voted to recommend a general addition of 25 per cent as you will doubtless receive by Br. Hall — I made what opposition I could — but finally yielded

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with the understanding that I might say what I pleased to the Ex. Com. The bretn, almost without exception, had evidently come to feel that if their salaries must remain at the minimum rate, or of an unlivable sort, I would be mainly responsible for it. They thought that if the Ex Com. knew the facts, they would be more than willing to give us enough to leave us unembarrassed — that it was too rigid economy for me, not to be able to have a pair of boots since I went to America — not to wear above a dollar or dollar & half coat & from 50 to 75 cts pants keeping a $12 suit in my trunk in town just for a fix up when I was obliged to appear in more genteel society. Well, I could honestly say, bretn if I were to employ & pay you on my own private account I would promptly give you a generous salary give you all you ask; ~~and~~ some of you more ~~too~~ Or were I able, I would recommend the same to the Com. & meet the addition by a private contribution, but I have to do with others' money & I cannot bear the responsibility I urged, among others, the following reasons. Our friends must be getting tired of us; and they must be the more so if we increase instead of diminish their burdens. They have been led till within a short time to suppose that our mission would soon be self-supporting — they are not prepared to have all such expectations fail

How can we allow an increase in the expenses of the mission when our internal resources are becoming less? – This will be too disheartening – I have never seen any good evidence that the people here were soon going to support their own religious institutions. If they have any, worth having, it must be considerably at the expense of others. Now dont say I look on the dark side – for dark or light it is the plainest matter of fact, the people cannot support their necessary religious privileges. Objectively considered, or with respect to external means they might be abundantly able; but subjectively they are & must (will) long continue to be utterly unable. Of what use is a 'price in the hands of a fool to get wisdom?' or of what value are the means of making money, to a people who have no capacity to use those means? – Come to Richmond – here are a people who under drivers could cultivate fifty acres of cane – as freemen they might cultivate a hundred acres – but give them the free use of the land I doubt if they would cultivate ten. They would starve or steal first – Not all, but most. They go & work a little, in gangs, when it suits them, at 9d or a shilling per day, when three or four shillings would no more than pay them – for what they might do on their own property – but oh, they cant – they dont know how – But these things furnish the argument for us to spend our lives, & work here that

thro us the true light may shine on the surrounding darkness. I might speak of our pleasant & encouraging things - we have them, We have a pleasant & hopeful family, & feel confident of a much larger one as fast as we can provide accomodations - The improvement of the youth & children with us is certainly very encouraging. It is only the dead, rotten, old mass for which we despair - The 'Leopard's spots wont change'

Kingston May 15th /51

Our mail per Illinois has been received - A charge for it of $3 - Two letters - April 19 & 20 - from Mr Lappan one from Br Richardson, & a note from Mr. Beldin to me - Nothing new to say about how we are getting on at Richmond - Several new applications for a place in our family - none of them can be refused. We are embarrassed for want of proper rooms & fixtures, tho we have plenty of rooms adapted to sugarmaking. It is very desirable to do things much faster than I can do alone - but I have no money to buy lumber or to pay for labor -

A. M. E. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

Nothing has yet been heard from the John Clark since she left N. Y. - We presumed she would have an invoice of goods for us - Did she? The boxes bonnets - & to N. & J. & keg nails are received - My Hackle & teeth - How is this & nothing else? I fear Dr. Barrett has authorised you to get things for me which he, not you was to get, if got at all, and pay for - The bill comes to me & I must give you credit for it, & I have no

The hackle &c was to be got only on condition that the fibre business should make it worth while: I hear nothing about the fibre only a word from you that you had not received it - I am not now prepared to send other specimens; but I wish to do so, if what I purposed to send did not go - or has been neglected - By the way - can you tell me something what would be the expence of fitting up in buildings & water power already provided - the necessary machinery & fixtures for making coarse paper? Richmond is a first rate establishment for the business, & plenty of material rotting on the spot. Dr. B. had a list of other articles to get for me - Rubbers, Cogwheels &c.

I enclose a list now to you - a part for myself & some for others - you may send them all to me & charge to a/c of mission, as usual - I would not trouble you if I could help it without great inconvenience I know you have enough to do. — —

I want especially 36 doz. Cogwheels for cane mills. There is a greatly increasing demand for my Domestic Mills with iron cogs - I brot out for 12 mills & have used them all up - I can employ help at this with considerable service to the people & some profit to myself - It helps to awaken industry & enterprise. I want these irons whether the order to be filled by Dr. Barrett has been sent or not - Brayher - (do I mistake the name?) has the pattern. Bro. Hoffin is putting up a mill for the people at C. & depends on these irons to come - Hope they will not fail —

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Rev. S. L. Bolcott
Jam. Mis
May 14/55

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If the Rubbers inquired after on the list must be reordered, they may be 1/2 Doz. prs each No 7 & 8 Men's - & 4 prs each No 3-4 & 5 Ladies' ——

I would like a much larger quantity, if a good quality like those I brot out, especially Men's - including 1/2 Doz prs. No 9 - but I fear I am running up too large a bill already -

In addition to what I have said about our salaries &c. I wish to say that if any special notice should be taken of the matter & any alterations made, they should be put in round numbers as much as possible, to avoid the trouble of fractions in accounts. It would be very agreeable to me if the Com. would take the entire responsibility of fixing the salaries of members of the mission, according to circumstances in each case, upon some equitable scale.

Thomas Augusta Esq. son of Rev. A intends to sail for N. Y. about the 28 inst - He wishes ~~of~~ our draft for next quarter - say $125, on his arrival in the city & the remainder to be deposited with Mr Sappan to be drawn for in parts as he may need for traveling expenses I have consented to make the draft about the 25 inst a few days before the time - to be in readiness, tho he may not go before the time i.e. the 1st of June

The Amt will be, according to my accounts, about $750, or. I have just completed the settlement of my expenses for the purchase of Richmond, & find them to be, for Naturalization & procuring title about £30 - $150. The recording of title to be added - some 2 or 3 pounds. - I have plenty more to say but I am tired, & you must be when you have read all this, & I will stop here

I will just say that Dr. Hyde has lately been burned out completely losing considerable property, & nearly all - Public sentiment is very strong against him since the fire which was by an incendiary, he has been taken by 4 men, bound, carried into the bush, insulted & his life threatened, in open day. He is supposed to have seduced a young lady of high birth, on the property of his residence. This is the report. Mr. Kennie was summoned last week to give evidence on an investigation instituted by the magistrates, relative to foul play in the death of Mr. Evarts - The proceedings were quashed thro some kink in the law —

Remember me to Major Jocelyn, Sappa & others. Shall write Mrs. J. farther by Mr. Congdon — We suppose Mr. O intends to return with Miss Hicks as Mrs Congdon - He has a good business here - I remain Your ever working (patient trying?) "long-winded" brother

Seth T. Wolcott

Brother Whipple.

Please to note on both Tracts List of Subscribers for papers under my name Childs Paper 60 copies.

Yours truly

A. B. Mills

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$103 enclosed

Lenoir - May 14, 1885

NO. FI-2357 FISK UNIV.

Dear Prof Pappan

I send you enclosed $10 for Richmond Estate - It is the amt subscribed by the "Church of Christ in Lenoir" & paid over to me this day by their Trustees, with interest on the same from the first of last January -

You will please acknowledge its reception, by sending a receipt for the same & forwarding the certificate as soon as it can be prepared -

Your note of May 8 was rec^d -

Do you wish any of the notes forwarded to you, or shall I keep them until collected? And do you wish any obligation from me, as security for yourself or those who may advance the money on them? I hope the icates will be printed without

I expect to have $50 more in a

In haste - Fraternally Your

A. W. Rich

Rev. A. M. Richardson
Lenox, O.
May 14/55
$10 00
on Richmond Estate
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Lewis Tappan Esqr
Agent for Richmond Estate
48 Beekman St
New York

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2352
FISK UNIV.

Jamaica W.I.
Branford Marion Station
May 15th 1845.

Publisher of Childs Paper

Dear Sir

I address you for the purpose of obtaining your excellent valuable paper. It was recommended to me by a friend whilst I was at the Rev. C. M. Richards now in the State. He took four copies. I wish to obtain sixty copies. Send to A. B. Wells & H. Beckman at N.Y. I am sent here as teacher under the care of the American Missionary Association whose office is at the above named place in N.Y. This Society will meet you bill. I wish to commence with the April number. H. Fio no.

of your paper did not reach the Island. That mail was lost. If you have leave and that you can consistently spare them will be thankfully received by Revd J Thompson Mr B. Hall and myself on behalf of the Richardson's subscribers

May 16th

P.S. I have just learned that the April no of the Childs paper has arrived. If Mr Richardson was due you for the paper you may enter my subscription as commencing with this year, from 1855.

Yours obtly

A. B. Hills

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A. B. Hill.

Jamaica May 15/51

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Providence Jamaica. May 16 1855

Rev George Whipple

Dear Brother.

Yesterday we received a package of papers sent by the Ill. and in it was your letter of April 20. I wrote you a full letter April 24. which is in the hands of Bro Beardslee. We expected he would sail for the United States before this time. But he has not gone yet. and if I send this to town soon it may go by him. I wrote you Apr 10. and other members of the Mission wrote you about the same time.

The letters of Feb 19. of which you speak have not been received. I suppose they were sent by the John Clark. from which nothing has been heard. In your letter to me you say. "I hope you will soon give me authority to contradict this "rumor" — the rumor that I am soon to leave Jamaica.

When we came to Jamaica nothing was said to us by the Exec Com — as to how long we should be expected to remain. Other members of the Mission have said, that the idea was held out to them, that they would be permitted, to visit the U.S. after laboring here five years, or about that length of time.

We have now been here about five years & a half. We have not yet asked permission to return. and we do not expect to return ~~do~~ without asking. Some of our friends think we have been here about long enough to make them a visit. and we have no occasion for denying that we have cherished pleasant anticipations of doing so at some time not far in the future. though that time has never settled upon any definite period in our minds.

In writing to our friends. and they to us. this matter has frequently been spoken of. neither can I see the least impropriety in speaking of it. Our friends have probably made no scruples in speaking of it to others. and hence the rumor of which you speak. And now for authority to correct it. We shall not leave Jamaica while we can see it duty to remain. and I think we shall be perfectly candid in looking at the reasons for remaining. You may rest assured that the fact that so many have left. and are leaving. and the increasing demand for our labors have will have all due influence upon our minds.

We are truly disappointed in not getting a teacher. Mrs Hall taught the School the last quarter. in the hope & expectation that a teacher would come in time to commence at the beginning of the present quarter. I now see no way except that our school must stand still until a teacher comes from home let that be as long as it may. If those teachers have been prevented from coming by what appears a trifling cause. we may be sure there is a Providence in it. The fact is. the indications of Providence respecting our mission seem now to be pointing decidedly in one direction. Last week I wrote the action of the Mission on the request of Bro Way for permission to return to the U.S. He will forward that action. What is to be done to supply his place? also that of Bro Richardson? Can the Society meet all these extra expenses and still keep all our Stations fully supplied? I feel more disposed to take care of the Mission the best we can with our present helps than to ask for any more laborers. unless it be one or two female teachers. If the Exec-Com are influenced by the opinion of the

Mission. I suppose it will be quite in time for them to take decisive measures for supplying any of our Churches with a minister when they have a formal request from the Mission to do so. I might say more in respect to the last two statements which I have made than you would have patience to read. You can consider them all a gratuity if you are disposed. I have not made them as an offset to what any other member of the Mission may have said, for I do not know any thing of what others may have written. I think none of my brethren differ materially ~~from~~ with me in these respects.

In my letter of the 24. ult. I tried to give you both sides of the picture as fairly as I could, unless this be true, and it certainly is, that I did not say half as hard things as I might. But I do not want to write them. Bro Cloay has had a pretty good insight of things in Jamaica, and if you want a chapter on the dark side, ~~of things~~, he will be able to give it when he goes home.

I might say a few words respecting Dr Hyde & Mrs Evarts, if I knew others had not written the same things. The Governor has taken hold of the case of Mr Evarts death and the matter will be pushed to the utmost. The case was to come up again last week for trial. I have not learned the results of it. We hear Dr Hyde has converted, a Miss Aris, of the family on the Estate where he lives, to his sentiments, and that he has without doubt seduced her. Her family stand high by their connections, & great indignation is felt in respect to the affair and he will be brought to justice on ~~that~~ it if possible. As one result of it about four weeks since, their (Hydes) house was burnt. The house

was a temporary concern and worth but little. It was thatched with cane tops, which were very loose & combustible and just as their lights were extinguished for the night a torch was thrust into them. The fire made quick work. We hear they saved nothing but their clothes. that they had mahogany lumber for a new house, a large lot of new leather, carpenters tools which they had just got from New York were burnt. God is dealing with them. It looks as though he was trying to save some of them. If Dr Hoyde were removed entirely I could have some hope for Mrs E. Their case is awfully sad to think of. John Mr Ewarts died. Mrs E said when she wanted any of my sympathy she would let me know. I think it wise in this case not to offer it until she seeks it. I am sorry we snatched those three children from this calamity.

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For a few weeks past I have been quite poorly, and Mrs Hall and the little ones have been far from being well all the time. We have usually enjoyed very good health in Jamaica — quite as good as we could expect to enjoy in any country. And I hope we may soon be as well as ever. I do not like the idea of going home because we are sick, especially as so many of the Missions have gone for that reason. And I shall be disappointed if I have to go on that account. Yet how little do we know what is before us. May the Lord deal in mercy with us, and make us the means of promoting his cause.

Mrs Hall joins in kind regards. Very truly Yours

H. B. Hall

H. B. Hall, May 16/55

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No. FI-2354
FRANKLIN

My Dear Brother Jeppson

I have just time now to send you by the bearer of the enclosed a real hearty Jamaica "Howdy" — We are pushing on at Po yet as best we can Hope for your continued sympathies & as much of the "Material" aid as may be. Mr. Boyston may be delayed here [redacted] for a vessel — Both have bundles of letters for us —

Please say to Mr. Whipple — that —

Kingston May 25th 1855

T. Jeppson Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you on behalf of our Mission for the sums of one hundred & fifty dollars at sight, as per above bill, and six hundred dollars, bill of exchange, thirty days after sight; which please accept with your usual favor and oblige the Jamaica Mission

Yours Truly

Seth S. Wolcott

A. H. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO FI-2354
HARTFORD

My Dear Brother Leppan

I have just time now to send you by the bearer of the enclosed a real hearty Jamaica "Howdy" – We are pushing on at Port yet as best we can Hope for your continued sympathies & as much of the "Material" aid as may be. Mr. Congdon may be delayed here for a little time. Mr Beardslee is in waiting for a vessel – Both have bundles of letters for us –

Please say to Mr. Whipple – that in sending goods, packages &c to us – send hereafter to the Mercantile house of Singleton & Co. A clerk in this house ~~of~~ member of Mr. Beardslee's church kindly offers to do all our business for us – Direct then to

Care of Singleton & Co – Kingston Jamaica

Yours &c

Seth T. Wolcott

Rev S. F. Molcott

May 25/56

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July 21

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2355
FISK UNIV.

Lenox. O. May 25, 1855

L. Pappan Esq
My Dear Brother

Your favors of the 16th & 19th inst respectively, were duly recd - also the Certificates you enclosed to me - I like the form, as printed, well - It is sufficient & contains nothing superfluous - I hope you will forward a blank to Br Wolcott, that he may understand the matter - I think I shall be able, after a little, to get cash, instead of being obliged to take notes, especially where a small nbr of shares are taken -

I enclose you $50, from Myron Whiting, Austinburg, Ohio - His Certificate is No. 38 -, & dated May 28th 1855 - The amt sent from the ch here, was to cover the interest on $100, from last Jan - I think I wrote you so - The Certificate is dated Jan 1st 1855, & the number is 21. It is for the "Church of Christ" - Lenox, O -

I leave home tomorrow to spend the Sab - with a ch some 20 miles south of this, where I hope to secure additional shares - I suppose you wish me to fill out the blanks with the names, amt &c of those, whose notes I have taken, & then place the notes, & certificates in the hands of some responsible person, until the money is paid, & forward to you at once the names numbers &c - Am I right in this supposition? If so, I will attend to it, when I hear from you again - I would like a ½ dozen unsigned blanks to circulate that individuals may see the form, & get an idea of the plan

Your suggestions respecting the Notes we shall be attended to—

I recd a letter from Bro Olds last eve, in which he speaks of having recd the Blanks you sent, & adds "I shall endeavor to get them filled out with responsible names"— I think we are in a situation to go ahead now—

I rejoice to learn that such a prompt & liberal response has been made to that appeal for the proposed Marquesan Mission— I believe the call is from God, & trust that his good blessing will attend the effort— I have you recd $20, from Bro Plumb for that object—

Fraternally Yours
A. M. Richardson

L. Pappan, Esqr

P.S. June 1st I have been obliged to detain this a week, in order to get an Exchange, as I was disappointed in not getting eastern Bills to enclose— I now send a Bill of Exchange on Buffalo— Amt $55 31/100 Credit the $20. as above directed, & I will give instructions as to the application of the Ballance hereafter—

A. M. R—

Rev. A. M. Richardson
25 Mar '55
credit $55.31
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Please have the "Am. Missionary" sent as follows—

papers sent
N. B.

P. M. Bissell Esqr. Austinburg } Ohio
Wm Carpenter } Lenox
Mrs Harriet Dodge }

J. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2356
FISK UNIV.

Kingston, Jamaica
28th May 1855

My Dear Brother

I received per "Illinois" this morning your letter of advice concerning boxes per "Sonora". The boxes have been received and their contents are already in the Mountains, so that all is right without the letter. Had it come earlier it would have saved some trouble at the Customs but that cant be helped. I had hoped to be off to-day for New York, but the "Illinois" could not take us. So we must wait for an opp. by a sailing vessel. The Schr. "York Town" leaves

tomorrow, but her accommodations are too scanty for my family.

This will be handed you by Mr. Fulford & son who go per "Yorktown" with the hope of finding some employment in New York or its vicinity. Mr. F. is a very respectable English Emigrant who has been in this country some 13 years — a gardener by profession.

I send by him a packet of letters which I intended to put into your hands myself, but do not like to detain them not knowing when I may see you.

I can say nothing as to the probability of the time when we may see Ky. but it must be well into June before we can arrive there.

Many thanks for the drafts &c. which have been received. I will have the amt. paid to Mr Wolcott as requested. The shawl can remain till we come.

With our united love to you & yours —

Remain
Yours faithfully
J. H. Beardslee

Revd Geo. Whipple
48 Beekman St.
New York

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Rev. J. C. Beaudet
Huntington Jam
Co May 1/55

A.M.E. ARCHIVES
NO. E1-2357
FISK UNIV.

Rev. A. D. Ado
Carlton, NY
June 4/55
and July 19

Carlton 4 June /55

Dear Sappan Esq

My dear Brother

Your letter of May 5 came duly to hand and with it 20 blank Certificates of Stock in the Richmond Estate. But I have had the misfortune to loose the letter. Soon after its receipt I got intelligence of the serious illness of my dear ~~good~~ mother and as I was about leaving home to visit her I put the letter in my pocket hoping I should find time to answer it. But instead of that, I lost it.

I have not as yet sold any stock but think one man will take at least 20 shares. I design to start out again tomorrow to see what can be done in another direction. I hope on the whole to do something effectually in securing "material aid" for that worthy enterprise.

I think that you and I will each of us soon think of of the opinion that we are unfortunate correspondents. I certainly have been unfortunate; for in all of my letter writing I do not believe that I ever had so much "spatting" as with yourself for the last few months.

You complain of the spirit of my last letter. The word "sharply" may have been out of place. but some other word, or one not far from its synonym would have been appropriate. If rightly I remember it stood about in the following connection viz "I regret the necessity of writing this sharply to you". Had I said "pointedly" or "plainly," it had better expressed my meaning without the objectionable features to which you refer. I confess I did write plainly and even pointedly. But I ask was there not an occasion for it? Let me recapitulate some of the facts. In Jan. I think it was, you wrote me reminding me of my promise to raise funds for Richmond &c In my

reply I stated fully my reasons for my course, and quoted your letter of 19 Dec to show that my course was a justifiable one in view of your action in the premises which you also acknowledge in your last letter. About two months later you wrote me again, and in effect charged me with a breach of faith. It grieved me to think you should do this the second time. I immediately replied stating the reasons for my course as before only I did not quote from your letter, but as well as I could remember gave the substance of what you had written in your letter of Dec 19. In your reply you do not remember having written any thing of the kind, think I must be mistaken &c &c. And then ask "Suppose I had allowed Mr Wolcott to draw on me for $2,500 according to your proposal, what had been the consequence?" Implying that it was through your sagacity & not trusting to my honesty and faithfulness that you ceased the payment

too. I confess my dear brother when I read your startling letter I thought it was time to write in a style: call it sharply pointedly, plainly or any thing else, that should make my position understood and if possible put an end to those unwelcome thrusts at my moral character.

I complain that I say it seems to me that you are willing to place burdens on others that you yourself would be unwilling to bear. And to show that I am mistaken you say you have offered to take half of the stock of the Rich^mond Estate if another would take the residue: The burden of which I complained was quite of another kind. A load of self may be borne, and endured:- But when you come to place upon a man's head and heart that terrible bundle of charges & implications that came along in those three letters of yours, it is a burden for a sensitive nature to endure that is oppressive and galling in the extreme.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. FI-2358
FISK UNIV.

Providence Jamaica June 7. 1853

Rev George Whipple

Dear Brother

Your letter bearing dates of Feb 8 & 20. also enclosing a letter from Mr Tappan, was received on the second of this month. I regret exceedingly the misapprehension that seems to rest upon your mind respecting my letter to Mr Tappan which you regard as a complaint to him against yourself. I think it is fit that I should say a few things in reply to your letter, and lest I should seem to say any thing from an unkind or fault finding spirit, I can truly say that I have no such ~~spirit~~ feelings. Was my letter to Mr Tappan a complaint against yourself? If it was, then it was a complaint coming virtually not from me alone, but from the whole mission, and I made statements in the letter, which might be viewed in that light. True I wrote the letter & was not formally directed by the mission to do so. There were some grievances which the mission felt ought to be laid before the Executive Committee, and as the things which were mentioned in my letter were just then seriously affecting us, they were urgent to have those things presented at that time. The majority of the members of the mission had seen me within a short time, and had asked me to write, and when I declined doing so, they urged it upon me, inasmuch as the duties (pro Tem) of the Corresponding Secretary of the Mission had been placed upon me. And I was assured that were the mission together they would direct me by a formal vote to ~~do so~~ write. Some said write without saying to whom I should write. Others proposed that I write to Mr Tappan. All the members of the mission

gave their sanction to the letter. Some before I sent it and others when they saw a copy of it afterwards. No objections were offered to what I had written except by one person, and that was, that so few of our grievances were mentioned. I suppose I wrote just as we all felt, that we might just as well keep up our spirits by laughing over our calamities, as to groan & cry over them. You may say I have taken a great deal of pains to clear myself of blame in this matter. But no. I will take all the blame myself. I only want to convince you that one side of the shield is brass. (we do not pretend to say what the other side is) If you could stand in one position I think you would readily admit it. But as you do not stand there I must give you some of the phenomena. But I ask again, was my letter a complaint against you? The mission did not so regard it. We did not suppose you regarded the duty of forwarding our mails as belonging exclusively to yourself. For some time before Mr Hearned left the office he took the entire charge of our mails, and on his leaving there was such a change in the manner of their being sent that we supposed that that duty had fallen into the hands of some irresponsible person. I have asked those who have been at the Rooms considerably since Mr Hearned left, who now took charge of our mails, and the answer has been "I think the boy is expected to attend to that matter." Mr Jappson's letter which you enclosed seems to convey the same idea. Speaking of Mr Hearned's taking charge of our mails, and of his leaving, he says since then "we have had occasional assistance in that branch of the office without any permanent successor to Mr Hearned. And I dare say remissness may have crept in. Perhaps those who acted under the Assistant treasurer may have been remiss." Have the mission known that

the duty of forwarding our mails belonged to you. then the letter to Mr Jappan might truly have been regarded as a complaint against you. and might justly have been treated as such.

Many of the facts which were stated in my letter seem not to be met at all in your letter to me. You complain that I have not waited to learn the facts on both sides. But if you have assumed the general oversight of our mails. I am sure you could not have been aware of the ~~extent~~ remissness there has actually been in respect to them. Let me give a few facts. Mr Wolcott says that while he was in the United States. two years ago. there was no package of mail sent from the Office to us. only once. except when business called him to New York. - that on such occasions he looked up our mail and sent it on. Once during his visit to the west. a part of the mail there was for us was sent. After his return he put up a package for us. and at a subsequent date he found papers and letters that ought to have been sent in the package that was sent in his absence. And among them letters which he had written to the mission during his absence ~~to~~ at the west. Now I think you must deny that this was so. Or admit that it gave us reason to think there was great remissness respecting our mails. And even that no one had any particular responsibility in sending them. Again When we have received packages that have been put up separately at the Rooms. And directed to the proper persons. we have often found them quite deficient. Suppose there were papers in the package for six or eight weeks. We would find that of such papers as The Independent & Tribune there would be one two or three numbers missing which belonged between the first and last dates of the same papers in the package. Some one in accounting for such a thing. says. that persons who called at the Office were in the

habit of taking upon papers for their own reading while they were in the office and that in that way they would get scattered and when the package was made up we would get what was left. I cant say that such has been the case but if it has been, it has been most unjust as the result has shown. You have probably never been aware of the fact which I have just mentioned (that of the missing numbers of our papers) But there it is a fact which has said to us, there was carelessness some where. It has been a thing for which there has seemed to be no necessity. It seems as though a business man might & ought to know that every thing was straight in that respect and to know too that one or two numbers were not missing between any two packages which he puts up.

Your rule to have the papers put up in separate bundles & directed to the proper persons has not always been observed. But every thing that has come of late has been all straight.

When I speak of receiving nothing from the Rooms for so long a time you seem to think I am complaining that you had not written to the mission. But such was not the case. I simply had reference to the mail that had been sent there to be forwarded, lying there so long.

I did not say that I had sent lists of papers &c. But Bro Wolcott sent such a list to Mr Hearned, and after he left the office there was such evidence of its not being consulted that we concluded it had been lost. And Bro Richardson sent another.

In accordance with your request of Bro Wolcott I have made out and forwarded another such list.

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I stated it as a fact that vessels from New York had been arriving at Kingston every few weeks for the six months previous to my writing. You do not deny that such was the case but suggest that we give you notice of the time for the sailing of some of these vessels from New York. I had supposed that vessels that sailed from New York for Jamaica or any other port of the world

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have usually advertised in some of the papers there. And that it would be but a minutes work, by looking in the papers to know if a vessel was up for Jamaica. But if this is not the case we will do the best we can, though we are an average, 25 miles from town. And often do not know of a vessels coming & going until it has come & gone. Were we to go to town by guess, in order to find a vessel there, we might have to guess two or three times, each time of guessing costing us 50 miles travel on horse-back in this hot climate. Most of the time for the year past, we have had no responsible person in town to whom we could send our letters to be forwarded, and on that account it has been much more difficult to send them, than though we had lived in town and could see to it our selves. So much respecting our mails - more perhaps one might think than they are all worth. Yet most any one would be apt to feel it, if he could not get a paper or letter for three or six months, and especially if he were removed from intelligent society.

You speak of our missions furnishing so little matter for publication. What you say is quite true. But why has it been so? Perhaps truth demands an explanation though I feel a great reluctance to giving it. But as you encourage suggestions I will venture upon the explanation, though I may say what no other one has said to you. The whole matter can be stated in few words, which is simply this, So little that the brethren have been able to write, giving what has appeared to them to be truth, has been given to the Churches, that many of them have become greatly discouraged about writing. It has been true too

that they have sometimes felt not a little hurt, that so little that they have written has been published. Let me give one instance. About a year ago, Bro Coolcott, wrote, making an appeal for funds for Richmond, and tried to enforce the appeal by showing the necessity, of an operation such as was there contemplated, to our securing the end for which we labor in Jamaica. I do not know as he expected his letter would be published, but I know that when he saw it simply stated in the paper that an urgent appeal had been received from him for funds, he and his wife too felt exceedingly hurt. Why not let the letter speak for itself? they asked. Would it not be as well sometimes to let one be responsible for his own statements, and give them to the Churches, though they may not agree with your previous opinion? We dont find bright flowers on this moral desert very often, but we will give all we can find. We might send a good many that once would have appeared to us to be such, and which would now appear to be such to many at home, but alas! we have learned, that too often we find not fruit from them, but the "Apple of Sodom". I do not know as it would be wise to give the darkest shades of the dark side, for were we to do so, perhaps the Churches would call us all home. But if you are intimate with the moral condition of Jamaica for a few years to come, I fear you will see darker pictures than you have ever dreamed of. There is a kind of religious gloss spread over Jamaica which appears very well at a distance, and to one here too, until he finds out what is under that gloss, which is little else, than one mass of corruption. The seeds of truth that are placed in that mass, do not seem to germinate very readily, though they may germinate after lying there a long time.

The universal testimony is, I think, that the course of Jamaica in its moral condition is downward. The tendency of the people is away from faithful ministers and after those that will deal out to them a cheap "gospel" — a gospel that leaves all their sins. Missionaries of all denominations are becoming worn out and discouraged, and are fast leaving the Island, while very few are coming to take their places.

In my letter of the 16 ult. I intimated that it might be well to wait until you received a formal request ~~to do~~ from the mission to do so, before sending out a minister for any of our churches. I did not know but you would regard what I said as quite a gratuity. But suppose you were to send out a minister for Brainard, and when he gets here, he should find the mission house there shut against him, and that the Trustees had placed one of their own number, or some other native in the house & pulpit too, and that a part of the church & congregation were very well satisfied with what they had done, and that those who were not satisfied could not help themselves. A bold supposition you may say, and yet it is quite supposable. Something there are not right. As far as a part of the trustees are concerned the above might all be true. I do not know how far the people sympathize with them.

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The prospects are that some of our people at Brandon Hill will be drawn away by the "Established Church. The matter originated in their going to a minister of that Church to have their children — grown up children "Christened". If a person has not been "Christened" he is according to the idea of most of the people, a heathen. This subject was agitated there by this minister's coming into that neighborhood occasionally to preach. The children

could not bear the taunts that were poured upon them by others, and they beset their parents to have them "Christened" One or two of the parents asked me if I would christen their children who were grown up & still in their sins. I explained the matter to them & the first I knew, some of them had been & had their children "Christened". This minister is putting up a building close by, for a school house & chapel. I hear some good things about him. And we were to give up Brandon I'll he would take all the people. As it is, a few will probably leave

I see I have not answered some enquiries made in your letter. You ask if you shall still direct our packages to the care of Dr Bassett. Mr Wolcott has made arrangements with a person in town to have them sent to his care & has written informing you of the arrangement.

I suppose it would be well to label all our packages with Mr Wolcotts name in full, as well as to direct to the care of this person. (I have forgotten his name)

It may be quite important for any one to know who is coming to join our mission to know where the Mission Rooms are in town. They are at 51 Princess Street, second door below North Street.

About two weeks since Mr Beardslee found a package of mail for us for Jan & Feb. thrown aside in one of the wharf houses in town, where it had lain several weeks. I do not know what was the reason of our not getting it sooner. Let me suggest that if in the first letter you write to any of the missions after sending a package, you would give the name of the vessel by which the package was sent it might prevent the occurrence of such a thing again. A letter sent by a Steamer might get here before those sent at an earlier date by a sailing vessel. Then too, if we know the

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some of the vessel by which the package was sent we could easily learn whether it had arrived, also to whom it was consigned.

At a meeting of the mission May 24. a vote was passed recommending that Miss Dean go to Rock River as teacher at that place, provided she cheerfully & heartily consent in doing so. I have learned to day that she has decided to go there & that she will go soon. It was also recommended that her salary be the same there that it was at Chesterfield (£8.20s)

You probably ask why this change 1st. The school there for aught we could see must otherwise be abandoned. Miss Jane Stuart, a sister of Margaret Stuart, that went home with Bro Olds, has been teaching there, but has decided not to teach after the first of Aug 2d Miss Dean would prefer on many accounts to be where she can take in girls, and have a family of her own to living in any mission family. she can do that at R. River.

You may infer the third reason from the second. or I can give it at another time if necessary.

Mr Wolcott said that Jane Stuart would live in his family & that with her assistance he & Mrs Wolcott could get on with the school at Richmond for the present.

We have heard that Miss Upson was expected to sail for Jamaica on the 21 of May. We shall expect her every day until she arrives. At the mission meeting spoken of above it was recommended that in case only one teacher come out she be located at this place.

I have received some books that were sent for me.

You may be interested to know that since I wrote you last another member has joined our mission.

He has not told us his name and so I cannot tell you though he has been with us all the time.

He is quite healthy and his mother is now enjoying very good health. Surely we have many reason for gratitude for the mercies showered upon us. How much grace we need to meet our responsibilities to our family and to our people.

In my last I said my health had been quite poor for some time. I am now much better.

I remain Yours truly and aff

H. B. Hall

Rev. H. B. Hall
Jun. Mr.
June 7/55

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✓ A. D. Olds
(my date p.
send June 4 and June 19
Carlton Orleans Co. Vt.

Geo. Clapman Esq

My dear Brother

In my last I think I wrote I had lost the letter that accompanied those 20 blank Certificates of stock in the Richmond Estate

Last week I went out on a tour to sell some of the Stock And I really feared somebody would ask me for my authority to sell &c. But I am happy to say I escaped so unpleasant a trial. But I thought that before going again I would be prepared in this respect. I would therefore thank you to write me at once stating that you send me some stock which you desire me to sell.

I desire farther to enquire is it necessary that I should take a receipt or any thing of the kind of parties to whom I sell stock, or will it be sufficient that I

hope the act in my memorandum book & forward the same to you from time to time?-

It has been my intention to go to the Anti Slavery meeting that is called to be held at Syracuse on the 26 & 27 inst to see what I can do among the numerous friends that will assemble there But it has occurred to me that if you were there you could do it much better than I can. And yet if you think it best for me to be there I will endeavor to go there. The greatest difficulty I see in the way of my going is the expense of the journey.

Please write me soon so that I may receive your letter in season for me to go to Syracuse. If however you cannot make a letter by the morning of the 21st inst you may direct to Syracuse Care of Amos Bates &c

I am faithfully
Yours
A. G. Olds

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Providence Station, June 26, 1866

Brother Whipple,

I arrived safely in Sumanien after a voyage of 3 weeks. Capt Savage will tell you what made us so long on the ocean.

I suffered very much from sea sickness one week. After that I was as well as could be expected. I could not get quite well for want of suitable food, and sufficient exercise, but I think the horseback ride has done me good. Such a ride as I never took before. I came 11 miles after dark, over stones, up and down steep hills, through mud holes, and bushes, and on ledges just wide enough for a horse to walk. I followed Brother Hall, and reached his home in safety, where I am to remain. I think

it is a very pleasant home.
The scenery is delightful in Hawaiian, and I like the food very much.
I suffered none through fear on the ocean. My Savior was close to me, and I felt sure that He had sent me with a good Capt, one that understood his business. I came in the right time for if I had come before I should not have come with Capt Savage. A brother could not have done more for me. I did not feel lonesome as I expected, for he was very sociable, very agreeable and intelligent. You may always feel safe in sending females with him. He is not living a christian life now, but assured me that he had enjoyed communion with God with for years, and had strayed away. He talked about it freely, sometimes with tears in his eyes. I to try to persuade him to return to his fathers house.

I had 6 waiters while I was sick all trying to do something for my comfort, and showing me every thing when I was well. Please to remember me to all the dear friends in New York who will inquire after my welfare.

Mr Belden will recollect the Mate whom he saw on the Motis. He proved to be any thing but a christian, and is very disagreeable indeed. He would swear very badly when he got angry, although the Capt tried to prevent it. The Capt saw any of the sailors would not be willing to sail with him again.

Your unworthy servant

Pat Upson

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Mrs J. A. Upson
Providence Station
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Buffalo Decr 21 1850

Lewis Tappan Esq

Dr Sir

Enclosed I send you Halliston Bank Drft on Com Exch Bank New York for Fifty Five & 1/100 Dollars Exch 28 Cents to pay G. Williams & Co Drft on us for same Amt $55.01/100

Truly yours
Mann Fail & Co
Grant

Mann Partridge
Buffalo
June 28/65
$55.03
Proceeds of sale
of Redmond
Estate
ack^d

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Providence Jam^a June 22. 1833

Dear Bro Whipple

I suppose you will wait with some anxiety to hear of the safe arrival of Miss Upson. As she has been writing I presume she has given all information desired respecting her passage &c

I am a little curious to know whether you, or any others concerned in sending Miss Upson to Jamaica had any queries as to the satisfaction she would give to the Mission. I must not be guilty of pre judging, but we do know some things and from what we know, we feel not a little disappointed. And I am sure the Mission generally will feel so. But why? Well! here is a—shall I say young or old? lady sorely afflicted with dyspepsia and has been for ten years or so. from which fact you can draw the inferences

From what she says of her education we fear it is quite inadequate to teach to advantage any of our schools. If she does injustice to herself in her statements that is her fault & not ours. She says she never thought of coming to Jamaica until it was proposed to her and that then she replied that she was not qualified to come. But she yielded to the urgencies of others, and came with the idea, that she would have to teach only the alphabet & reading & spelling. She seemed quite surprised that any of the children should want to learn to write. (Some of the boys may think they can write better than teacher)

Miss Apson seems to be possessed of a good heart, and that was probably the main reason of her being urged to come. If there is any fault in the case I suppose it must rest upon those who recommended her to the Ex Committee

Yet would it not be better for the Exec Committee reject a person after getting to New York than to have them rejected after getting to Jamaica. I believe you admit the authority of the Mission to examine teachers, and if to examine them of course to reject them if they are not qualified to teach. However we may find her better qualified than she represents herself to be.

But no one ought to think of coming to Jamaica as a teacher who is not well qualified to teach a common district school in the States. And that too as the schools are now, and not as they were twenty years ago. I do not mean that our schools are as far advanced as the schools are there, but we want teachers that can make them such. If another teacher could be sent out for this school. I think

Rev. H. B. Hall,
Jam. Mis. June 22/57.

the Mission would send Miss Upson to Brainard as an assistant in that school. Bro Richardson speaks of two young ladies that had offered to come to Jamaica, and that were waiting for an appointment.

There are more things than I have time to mention, connected with this matter, that make me feel sad.

I write to send the letter by this opportunity, and hope that other teachers in the place of Miss Kinney will be coming soon.

In my last I spoke of matters at Brandon Hill. Things seem to be going right there now.

I am
Very truly Yours
H. B. Hall

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√ am Richmond June 20/65
ans 10 July Lenox

AFRICAN ARCHIVES
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L. Pepper Esq.

Dear Brother

my return home last eve, from the State Congtl Conference, I found your letter of June 16, awaiting my attention — As it is Saturday, I must reply very briefly, & leave the filling out of those certificates &c, until next week —

You are right in the supposition that the $3,00 sent over & above the $100, was intended for interest — I wrote you so, when I sent it. You acknowledge the receipt of a Draft of $50. I sent $55;31. I presume it was an oversight of yours — I wish the $5,00 to be credited to one share in Richmond

Estate- It is from Saml. Jones, Sen
of Wayne, Ashla. Co. Ohio
The Certificate is dated Mar 1st
1835 and numbered 28 —
Also Credit Mrs. Sarah S. Ford
of the same place with five shares
Her Certificate is No. 22, &
bears the same date (Mar 1st)-
The 31 cts may be applied as
interest on the $25. up to May-
Instead of sending you the
cash, I send you two Orders
just rec^d from Jamaica - One
for $91, & the other for $10. —
Please deduct the $25. & send
me your acceptance for the ballance
I am sorry about that mis-
-hap of Bro Old's in losing those
Certificates. Hope you will try him
once more.

I rec^d the Blanks you sent,
& thank you for them —
We had a deeply interesting
meeting at Ravenna — the Conference
passed Resolutions, condemning,
in the strongest terms, the course
of the Am. Bract. Soc. in reference
to Slavery — and that too, by a
unanimous vote! They will find
little sympathy among the Ch^ts
ches of Ohio, unless they alter
their policy, & that speedily —
I suppose you have seen Bro
Beardslee on this, & also rec^d
letters from Jamaica — I feel
that the friends of the Mission
ought to relieve Bro Wolcott
from his responsibilities in reference
to meeting the loans he has been

forced to make in order to purchase it - are there none of the friends in N. York and vicinity, who will take shares besides yourself? I hope & believe there are - And I trust as fast as funds are collected, they will be forwarded to this relief - everything seems to begin to look well at Richmond -

Excuse haste -

Yours as ever

N. W. Richardson

Lenox, O. June 29, 1885

L. Pappan Esq

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Dear Brother—

Your note of the 18 inst was duly rec'd but I have been unable to reply to it until now— You say I have done wrong in giving only one certificate for a number of shares; I confess I don't see wherein— You say "the certificates are $5 each" I think you are mistaken; the shares are $5 each but the number of shares included in each certificate, is purposely left blank, & may be filled out by 5, 10 or 20 as the case may be— One certificate is just as good for twenty shares as 20 would be, and, I think, a great deal better— It seems to me a useless waste of time, trouble, paper &c to make out twenty certificates to the same individual— Besides, I think it an unheard of practice, in other operations of the like character— I never knew certificates of stock issued in that way, unless it was expressly stated that only one share was given to the same individual— It would take 100 certificates to cover the amt I have already secured, at that rate— The present arrangement will prove the most simple, & satisfactory to all concerned, I am sure—

You are mistaken about the number of Mr Whiting's certificate— It is 33 & not 38 as you suppose—

Your caution "not give a certificate to the ch of Christ in Lenox" comes too late to avail anything— I have given the trustees of the ch a certificate (No 21) and I have yet to learn, why they are not as justly

Have you seen Bro Jewett's letter of the 17th?

entitled to one, as any other of the Stockholders—
They are a corporate body, & I suppose competent to hold
& manage their own funds—
Please explain your singular & authoritative request—
"Don't you give certificates to the ch of Christ in Lenox?"
It seems to me, dear Brother, that you are unnecessarily
cautious in the matter— I know that business should
be done in a business-like manner— But it seems to
me, that a simple, straight-forward, common-sense
construction of matters, is after all the best, & the most
likely to secure its object.
Pardon me, for this plain suggestion, for I mean nothing
unkind or disrespectful— I know I am liable to make
mistakes, & am little acquainted with the technicalities of
business— and I sometimes almost despair of making
myself understood— But it has seemed to me, that
you were sometimes over-nice, in respect to unimportant
matters—
I send you herewith, a full list of all the notes &c
taken, & the certificates issued— I trust it will be
satisfactory— As the notes are dated Jan 1st/55 and are on
interest, I have dated the certificates in like manner—
I have the promise that several of them, shall be paid soon
You have doubtless learned that Dr Hyde has been
burned out— He had seduced the daughter of the lady
on whose premises he resided, & she had gone to live with
him— It is said that the Gov & Atty General had renewed
the suit respect the death of Evarts & Miss Hunt—
Yours very truly A. M. Richardson

Names	Residence	No of Shares	No of Certificate	Date 1860
Church of Christ	Lenox - Ash co, Ohio	Twenty	21.	Jan 1st
Mrs Sarah T. Lord	Wayne " "	Five	22.	Mar 1st
Samuel Jones, Sen	Do " "	One	23.	" "
Samuel Plumb	Lenox " "	Twenty	24.	Jan 1st
Salmon Hills & Wife	Eagleville " "	Twenty	25.	" "
Peter M. Bissell	Austinburg " "	Five	26.	" "
Calvin Andrews	Wayne " "	Two	27.	" "
Sylvester Ward	Do " "	Two	28.	" "
Jabez Fobes	Do " "	Two	29.	" "
Mrs. Dilly Brockway	Do " "	One	30.	" "
G. W. St John	Morgan " "	Five	31.	" "
Ira B. Cutts	Hartford - Trumbull co	Two	32.	" "
L. P. Baker	Do " "	One	34.	" "
S. C. Baker	Do " "	One	35.	" "
Myron Whiting	Austinburg, Ash co, O	Ten	33.	May 28
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Rev. A. M. Richardson
Lenox, O.
June 29/55
rec'd July 9/55 ans 10 July
on my return from
Syracuse N.Y.
Full list of all the notes
taken & the Certificates
issued to June 29/55
Entered on Certificate
Book - 97 in all.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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FISK UNIV.

To the members of the A. M. Jamaica
Dear Brethren & Sisters -

It is with much regret that I am compelled to ask your recommendation for the return of myself & family to the U.S. But Mrs Way's health has entirely failed, & she, for the first time asks to return. My own opinion is, she cannot much longer endure the prostrating influence of the climate.
As to my own health, although I have suffered much during the last two months from Asthma yet I should try to remain & labour still for this people, did I think Mrs. Way's health would justify it. In view of these facts I make the above request.

Your Brother P. M. Way.

Rev. J. M. Bay
Jamaica Mission
June/55

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NEW YORK